

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

In the Matter of the Application of)
Missouri Gas Energy, a Division of)
Southern Union Company, for a)
Certificate of Convenience and Necessity,)
Authorizing it to Construct, Install, Own,)
Operate, Control, Manage, and Maintain a)
Natural Gas Distribution System to)
Provide Gas Service in Greene County,)
Missouri, as an Expansion of Its Existing)
Certified Area.)

Case No. GA-2004-0241

**SECOND JOINT MOTION TO EXTEND FILING DEADLINE FOR
PROPOSED PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE**

COME NOW Missouri Gas Energy, a Division of Southern Union Company ("MGE"), the City of Springfield, Missouri, through the Board of Public Utilities ("City Utilities"), the Staff ("Staff") of the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission") and the Office of the Public Counsel ("Public Counsel"), and respectfully state as follows:

1. In an order issued on January 8, 2004, the Commission granted intervenor status to City Utilities, set a prehearing conference for January 15, 2004, and directed the parties to jointly prepare and file a proposed procedural schedule by January 22, 2004.

2. On January 21, 2004, the parties filed a motion requesting a one-week extension in the deadline for filing a proposed procedural schedule in order to pursue settlement discussions. The Commission granted the request in an order issued on January 22, 2004.

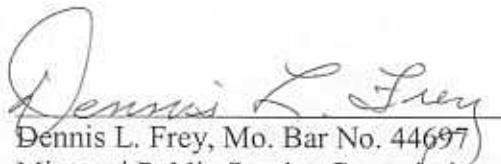
3. The parties have reached an agreement in principle to settle all issues in this case and are now in the process of drafting a Unanimous Stipulation And Agreement ("Agreement"). The parties believe that another one-week extension, to February 5, 2004, of the filing deadline for a proposed procedural schedule would be appropriate in order to allow the Agreement to be

concluded as quickly and efficiently as possible. The parties expect to be able to file their Agreement in lieu of a proposed procedural schedule by February 5.

WHEREFORE, the parties respectfully request that the Commission issue an Order extending to February 5, 2004, the deadline for filing a proposed procedural schedule in this proceeding, and permitting the filing of a Unanimous Stipulation And Agreement in lieu of the proposed procedural schedule.

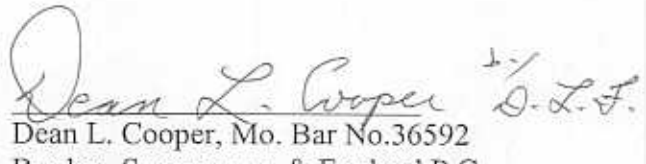
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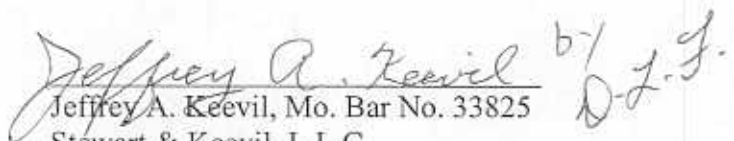
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Certificate of Service

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand-delivered, or transmitted by facsimile or electronic mail to all counsel of record this 28th day of January 2004.

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