

1 BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

2 STATE OF MISSOURI

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5 PRE-HEARING

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7 Jefferson City, Missouri

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11 In the Matter of the Application of)
12 Missouri Gas Energy, a Division of)
13 Southern Union Company, for a)
14 Certificate of Public Convenience and) Case No.
15 Necessity, Authorizing It to Construct,) GA-2004-0241
16 Install, Own, Operate, Control, Manage,)
17 and Maintain a Natural Gas Distribution)
18 System to Provide Gas Service in Greene)
19 County, Missouri, as an Expansion of)
20 Its Existing Certificated Area.

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19 BEFORE: _____

20 RONALD D. PRIDGIN,
21 REGULATORY LAW JUDGE.

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1 JUDGE PRIDGIN: On the record, please. This
2 is the prehearing conference in Case No. GA-2004-0241 in the
3 matter of the application of Missouri Gas Energy, a division
4 of Southern Union Company, for a certificate of public
5 convenience and necessity authorizing it to construct,
6 install, own, operate, control, manage, and maintain a
7 natural gas distribution system to provide gas service in
8 Greene County, Missouri as an expansion of its existing
9 certificated area.

10 I am Ron Pridgin. I am the regulatory law
11 judge assigned to preside over this hearing. The prehearing
12 conference is being held on January 15th, 2004 in the
13 Governor Office Building and the time is approximately 10:30
14 in the morning.

15 This prehearing conference is being held
16 because of my January 8th order granting City Utilities'
17 application to intervene and setting this for prehearing
18 conference.

19 If I could at this time, I would like to get
20 oral entries of appearance beginning with Staff, please.

21 MR. FREY: Thank you, your Honor.
22 Representing the Staff of the Missouri Public Service
23 Commission, Dennis L. Frey, Post Office Box 360, Jefferson
24 City, Missouri 65102.

25 JUDGE PRIDGIN: Mr. Frey, thank you.

1 On behalf of Missouri Gas Energy, please.

2 MR. COOPER: Your Honor, Dean L. Cooper of the
3 law firm of Brydon, Swearngen and England, PC, PO Box 456,
4 Jefferson City, Missouri 65102 appearing on behalf of
5 Missouri Gas Energy, a division of Southern Union Company.

6 JUDGE PRIDGIN: Mr. Cooper, thank you.

7 On behalf of City Utilities, please.

8 MR. KEEVIL: Appearing on behalf of the City
9 of Springfield, Missouri through the Board of Public
10 Utilities, more commonly known as City Utilities of
11 Springfield, Jeffrey A. Keevil of the law firm Stewart and
12 Keevil, LLC. We have recently moved so I'm checking my new
13 address. 4603 John Garry Drive, Suite 11, Columbia,
14 Missouri 65203.

15 JUDGE PRIDGIN: Mr. Keevil, thank you.

16 Are there any other parties who wish to enter
17 an appearance at this time?

18 All right. Hearing none, I don't believe I
19 have any pending motions. Is there anything anyone wishes
20 to bring to my attention? Mr. Frey?

21 MR. FREY: Yes, your Honor. Just one thing.
22 The order establishing the prehearing conference also
23 included a requirement that the parties prepare and file a
24 proposed procedural schedule no later than January 22nd.

25 The parties here present are amenable and

1 would respectfully request an additional week to file that
2 proposed procedural schedule, which would -- that would
3 permit some extra time to pursue possibility of settlement
4 in this case.

5 And so we would respectfully request -- Public
6 Counsel -- I can't speak for Public Counsel, but I would
7 guess that they would have no objection to such an
8 extension.

9 JUDGE PRIDGIN: Okay. Because Public Counsel
10 is not here, otherwise, I might just grant your motion from
11 the bench assuming it's unopposed. But because they're not
12 here, I would appreciate a written motion from the parties
13 and notice upon OPC either getting their consent or at least
14 noticing them up. And assuming nobody objects, I'll be glad
15 to grant that motion.

16 MR. FREY: Okay. Thank you, your Honor.

17 JUDGE PRIDGIN: Thank you. Anything else?

18 All right. Hearing nothing, I see you've
19 already taken advantage of the opportunity to use this time
20 to discuss settlement before the prehearing conference and I
21 appreciate it. If anybody has any questions, I can be found
22 up on the ninth floor. If you need to look for dates, the
23 calendar up on the ninth floor is there for your use and I
24 suggest you look at that if you're looking for hearing
25 dates.

1 Anything else?

2 All right. Hearing nothing further, that will
3 conclude this prehearing conference. Thank you very much.
4 We are off the record.

5 WHEREUPON, the prehearing conference was
6 adjourned.

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