

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,)	<u>Case No. GU-2007-0480</u>
for an Accounting Authority Order Concerning)	
Environmental Compliance Activities)	

ORDER DIRECTING FILING

Issue Date July 28, 2008

Effective Date: July 28, 2008

On June 13, 2007 Missouri Gas Energy, a division of Southern Union Company filed an application for an accounting authority order from the Missouri Public Service Commission. On July 23, 2008, the Staff of the Commission, on behalf of the parties, filed a list of the issues to be decided by the Commission. The list is as follows:

1. Should the Commission grant MGE an Accounting Authority Order to allow it to defer costs associated with the clean-up of Former Manufactured Gas Plant sites?
2. If the Commission should grant MGE an AAO, what conditions, if any, should be ordered?

The Commission is aware that the ultimate conclusion it must reach is whether it should grant an AAO to MGE. However, the Commission questions whether there are premises upon which that conclusion should rest. In other words, are there factual findings and/or legal conclusions that must first be determined in order to reach the final decision of whether the Commission should grant an AAO to MGE?

In light of the short time between the issuance of this order and the hearing, the Commission will not require the parties to file jointly. Rather, the Commission will require

each party to file a pleading setting out the issues to be decided by the Commission. Because the Office of the Public Counsel has had minimal participation in this matter, the Commission will not require, but will allow, Public Counsel to file a pleading.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. Missouri Gas Energy, a division of Southern Union Company, shall file, no later than August 1, 2008, a pleading as described in the body of this order.
2. The Staff of the Commission shall file, no later than August 1, 2008, a pleading as described in the body of this order.
3. The Office of the Public Counsel may file, no later than August 1, 2008, a pleading as described in the body of this order.
4. This order shall become effective on July 28, 2008.

BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Colleen M. Dale', is written over a horizontal line.

Colleen M. Dale
Secretary

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Kennard L. Jones, Senior Regulatory
Law Judge, by delegation of authority
pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 28th day of July, 2008.