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# August 23, 2002

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Scretary Chief Regulatory Law Judge DANAK, JOYUE

Genéral Counsil

Mr. James Dudley 4231 Tracy Ave. Kansas City, MO 64110

Dear Mr. Dudley:

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This is a follow-up letter in response to our phone conversation of

.2 August 14, 2002. You indicated in your complaint against Missouri Gas

<u>3</u> Energy (Company) that the Company has transferred a bill to your

q current account at 4231 Tracy that you do not owe.

51 I forwarded your complaint to MGE and received the following information: On May 1, 2001they have requested proof that you were not living at this address during the following dates. They are holding you responsible because credit checks link your name to the address. I understand that you own the property and that you claim that all your paperwork was stolen, but it would be you responsibility to provide proof the Company to dispute this bill.

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12 According to a Company representative, the following amounts have 13 been transferred to your account from 4024 Prospect:

9/25/00 to 4/27/01, amount \$2,099.96 7/16/01 to 4/17/02, amount \$ 104.63 Amount due: \$2,204.59

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The Company representative stated that in order to turn on service at this location they would accept a \$1,000 initial payment with an agreement to pay the remaining balance.

4 The Company will not remove the transfer amounts from your current 5 account unless you provide sufficient proof that you did not benefit 6 from gas service at this location during the dates listed above. The 7 Company tariffs on file and approved by the Commission have a Prior 9 Indebtedness section, which would apply to your case. I have enclosed 9 a copy for your file.

© Unfortunately, I will be unable to aid you further in this matter. If you /1 are unable to pay on your account, you may want to seek assistance. I /Lhave enclosed an energy assistance flyer for your review.

Sincerely,

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Tracy Leonberger U Consumer Services Specialist

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# BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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James Dudley, Complaint, V. Missouri Gas Energy Respondent.

Missouri Public Service Commission

Case No. GC-2004-0216

#### **RESPONSE TO STAFF RECOMMENDATION ACTION**

) On November 7, 2003, I James Dudley filed a complaint with Missouri Public Service

2 Commission (Commission) against Missouri Gas Energy (MGE). On November 13, 2003 I

3 filed another claim with the Commission, these 2 claims has been consolidated into Case No.

L/ GC-2004-0216.

5 Mr. Dudley filed a complaint because MGE turned off gas service to his home while the bill for

& \$2,510.00 was being disputed. Mr. Dudley notified MGE on the 15 of July of 2002 notified the

7 Commission on the 20<sup>th</sup> of July of 2002 and spoke Mrs. Bussey an MGE staff member on July

& 24, 2002. Mr. Dudley 's gas service at 4231 Tracy was turned off on July 24<sup>th</sup>, while the bill was

G being disputed. Section 8. 8.01-8.08 and 4 CSR-240-13.045 #1.

*W* Mr. Dudley has received the Staff Recommendation from the Commission; Mr. Dudley is
 *M* concerned because one part of the complaint has been answered, which was the transferring of

12 the bill from 4024 Prospect. Not whether MGE was in violation of these rules 8.01, 8.08 and 4

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	Tracy F. Leonberger Governor Office Building 200 Madison Street, Suite 800 P.O. Box 360 Jefferson City, MO 65102-0360 (573) 526-5568, Dept. FAX (573) 526-150 Personal E-FAX (443) 227-2262 or E-mail address: tleonber@mail.state.mo.		
	Fax transmittal	•	
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To:	Shirley Bolden @ MGE	Mi Fax: (818) 360-5764 المحافة المحافة	ssouri Public <b>co Commissio</b>
Fron	<sup>m:</sup> Tracy Leonberger,	Date: Tuesday, July 30, 2002	
	Consumer Services Specialist		
Re:	Dudley, James	Pages: 11 Including cover sheet	
CC:	None		
	X Urgent 🔲 For Review 🗆 Please Comm	ent X Please Reply	C Please Recycle
ink y o <i>rtan</i> Miss orted	New complaint. Please contact the customer su you for your assistance in this matter. <u>Int Notice to all our regulatory contacts:</u> ssouri Public Service Commission Staff has noticed a to the Commission by Utilities. In order to address following information on all complaints:	decline in the quality of the information be this problem, please include a minimum o	bing f at
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5. If the complaint involves an allegation of an unauthorized carrier change (slamming), a copy of the LOA (and/or verification tape) must be included.

We will no long accept any reports containing less then the above-stated items, so please include the information in your report to avoid Staff having to re-contact the Utility. Thank you for your cooperation.

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# Missouri Public Service Commission Consumer Complaint-Inquiry

Complaint	New
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Mode of Receipt	Mail
Service Type	Residential
Utility Type	Gas
Utility Company Name	Southern Union Company
Priority	Immediate Response Needed
Complaint Issue	Billing
Complaint Sub Issue	Disputed Bill
Consumer's Account No.	4827397879
Additional Name	N/A

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Account Name			Reporting Party	
First Name	James	3	First Name	N/A
Middle Initial	N/A		Middle Initial	N/A
Last Name	Dudle	y	Løst Name	N/A
Street Address	4231 7	fracy	Street Address	N/A
Mailing Address	N/A	,	Mailing Address	N/A
City	Kansa	s City	City	N/A
State	Misso	uri	State	Missouri
Zip	64110		Zip	N/A
County	Jacks	on	County	N/A
Home Phone	816-68	2-1689	Contact Phone	N/A
Work Phone	N/A	<b>∠</b> -		
Cellular/Pager	N/A			
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2	07/30/2002 12:48:33 PM	Leonberger Tracy		Saved	<b>)</b>	7/30/02 Faxed complaint to the company. In order for Mr. Dudley to prove these bills are not his, he would need the dates of service, location and how his name was associated with these addresses. Let me know. I will respond to the



flease stop collection proceedings while this is being investigated . Some note to the customer that I have his complaint.

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UL-JU-2002 13.10 SHETLA LUMPE, CHURMAN. *l*blic ≤ ERVICE COM. P.O. BOX 360 JEFFERSONCITY, NO 65102 Better Butsness Bureau 7/18/02 80.80 wond Ptaul KC-110-64414 Subject' MQ. Gus Company To whom it may concern: My names 15 James Dudley I live "1231 Tracy KC. MO. - سايعهاد (1939-1936) النام بينارين I am writing you in requard to a gas bill For 2,204.59 that dont be I rented a house at 4024 Prospect To a lady at the time who turn aut to be a Furadevient person. I think her name was Dame, lem not Sure beause it's been a while ago and I told them that I didn't kemeber at that time. I was not a wave of the contact with the gas company untill they bill me For her.

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573 526 IDUE 2010-20102 They were requesting a lease a greement, which I am unable To produce to them, due to my automobile being stolen, along with my backcose paper in my case. They are Putting this lady Sara Chapp Bill on my Bill, which is \_\_\_\_\_ I hav talk to a lot of people down there and to the Credit department as well and no help. They would not Take it off even. through they know that I don't or didn't live there at that time OY NOW \_ They are billing me Fax gas usages I never used because lam unable to locate the person who never payed them, that person owes me to For one month vent.

even told them that they Should have made some sure asho they were turning the gas on For and not try too make me pay For what they did. They know I need gas For my home, they are trying to Force me to pay and that's not right. I have gos in my name in For houses and I dont need To put gas in any one elses name I don't use other people name for my Bills. They have put it on me at 21024 Prospect and now they are putting it on 1231 Tracy now. Without this matter being resolved through the Gas company I have no Choice, but to seek help through the Better Business Bureau, I hope that you will be

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Please help me to resolve this matter I am at a dead end trying to get them to remove this from under my name. Please response back as soon as possible concerning this matter Thankyou very much Jumes Duckley onytime 682-1689 4231 Tracy KC MO. 64110 Enclosed is copyes OF the Bills they are hulding me accountable For.



#### UTILITY RECOVERY SERVICES A DIVISION OF MGE

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#### AUGUST 19, 2002

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Missouri Public Service Commission

JAMES E DUDLEY 4231 TRACY AVE KANSAS CITY, MO 64110

#### ACCOUNT NUMBER 4827397879

THIS LETTER CONCERNS THE SERIOUS MATTER OF YOUR OVERDUE BILL WITH:

MISSOURI GAS ENERGY AMOUNT OWED: \$2,546.42, SERVICE ADDRESS: 4231 TRACY AVE

YOUR ACCOUNT HAS BEEN FORWARDED TO US FOR COLLECTION OF THE OVERDUE BILL.

FAILURE TO PAY THIS BILL IN FULL OR MAKE SATISFACTORY ARRANGEMENTS WITH OUR CLIENT MAY RESULT IN:

> 1. THE UNPAID BILL BEING REPORTED TO A NATIONAL CREDIT REPORTING BUREAU.

2. A LAWSUIT BEING FILED.

TO KEEP THIS OFF YOUR CREDIT HISTORY, PLEASE PAY IN FULL OR MAKE OTHER ARRANGEMENTS BY CONTACTING:

> MISSOURI GAS ENERGY (816) 756-5252 BEFORE: AUGUST 31, 2002

PLEASE RETURN THIS LETTER WITH YOUR PAYMENT.

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YOUR ACCOUNT WITH MISSOURI GAS ENERGY HAS BEEN PLACED WITH CREDIT WORLD FOR COLLECTIONS AND REQUIRES YOUR ATTENTION.

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> YOU HAVE ADDITIONAL ACCOUNTS. 2,830.77 IS THE TOTAL ACCOUNTS AT OUR OFFICE. THIS INCLUDES THE CREDITOR ABOVE.

QUESTIONS? CALL: (816)-756-5252 P.O. BOX 219255 KANSAS CITY, MO 64121-9255 FOR SERVICE LOCATED AT: 4231 TRACY AVE KANSAS CITY, MO 64110-1243



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If BALANCE FORWARD has been paid, please subtract that amount from the AMOUNT DUE when you make your next payment.

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### IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF JACKSON COUNTY, MISSOURI ASSOCIATE CIRCUIT DIVISION

JAMES DUDLEY,	
Plaintiff,	
VS.	
SOUTHERN UNION COMPANY, MISSOURI GAS ENERGY, Division	
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**BOX 172** 

Case No. 02 CV 222965 Division 25

# MISSOURI GAS ENERGY'S MOTION FOR SUMMARY JUDGMENT

1 COMES NOW Defendant, Southern Union Company, Missouri Gas Energy Company, a 2 división, ("MGE"), and pursuant to Rule 74.04, Missouri Rules of Civil Procedure, moves the 3 Court to enter summary judgment on its behalf and against plaintiff, James Dudley, as there are 4 no genuine issues of material fact, and the uncontroverted facts herein clearly show that defendant 5 is entitled to judgment as a matter of law. In support of its motion, defendant sets forth the 6 following statement of uncontroverted facts.

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#### STATEMENT OF UNCONTROVERTED FACTS

9 1. Plaintiff currently resides at 4231 Tracy Ave., Kansas City, Missouri 64110.
9 (Plaintiff's Petition.)

10 2. Plaintiff owns property located at 4024 Prospect, Kansas City, Missouri. (Id.)
11 3. On or about April 26, 2002, a delinquency in the amount of \$2,212.59 existed for
12 gas service at the 4024 Prospect property from September, 2000 through April, 2002. Affidavit
13 of Wanda Bussey, attached as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by reference.

4. Mr. Dudley claims that a tenant, Sara Chappelow, was living at the 4024 Prospect

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property during that time, but he has not provided any proof to MGE that anyone other than himself or his family was living there. Plaintiff's Petition.

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Ms. Chappelow has provided documents to MGE, including a signed lease 5. agreement, showing that from May, 2000 through May, 2002, she was residing in Independence, Missouri. Bussey Aff.

ŀ 6. Plaintiff is delinquent in his payments to MGE for gas service at 4231 Tracy in the amount of \$305.54. Id.

Plaintiff is delinquent in his payments to MGE for gas service at 3514 Bales in the 7. З G amount of \$250.20. Id.

Plaintiff is delinquent in his payments to MGE for gas service at 3312 Moulton in *≱* 8. 10 the amount of \$324.15. Id. 11

12 9. Plaintiff does not dispute the amounts owed for the properties at 4231 Tracy, 3514 Bales and 3312 Moulton. Id. 13

MGE's operations are governed by a tariff on file with the Missouri Public Service 10. 14 Commission. Id.

15 -Section 3.02 of the tariff states that MGE shall not be required to supply gas service 11. to a customer if said customer is indebted to the gas company for service at that or another 16 17 address. Id.

Section 3.07(a) of the tariff states that MGE has the right to discontinue gas service 12.  $|\gamma|$  when a customer fails to pay a delinquent charge. Id.

13. Section 3.07(B) of the tariff states that "[i]n the event of discontinuance or termination of service at a separate residential metering point, residence or location in accordance with these General Terms and Conditions for Gas Service, Company may transfer any unpaid balance to any other residential service account of customer and may discontinue service twenty-one (21) days after rendition of the combined bill, for nonpayment, in accordance with this rule.

MGE terminated service to the 4024 Prospect property on April 17, 2002. Id.
 S 15. The balance from the 4024 Prospect property was transferred to the 4231 Tracy
 G account on June 25, 2002. Id.

16. Gas service to the 4231 Tracy property was terminated on July 30, 2002. Id.
 17. Mr. Dudley did not file a written complaint with the Missouri Public Service

12 Commission. Id.

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13 18. Plaintiff did not request a rehearing with the Public Service Commission. Id.

 $l_{10}^{10}$  In On October 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2002, Mr. Dudley made payments to MGE in the total mount of \$480.00 towards the past due balance on the 4231 Tracy account, and on October 3,  $l_{10}^{10}$  2002, MGE restored service to 4231 Tracy. *Id.* 

WHEREFORE, for the foregoing reasons, and for the reasons set forth in Defendant's
Suggestions in Support of its Motion for Summary Judgment, filed contemporaneously herewith
and which is incorporated herein by reference, Defendant states that there is no genuine issue of
material fact and prays for judgment as a matter of law in its favor and against Plaintiff, and for
such other and further relief as this Court deems just.

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Martin M. Montemore Jacqueline L. Mixon 4420 Madison Avenue Kansas City, Missouri 64111 (816) 931-2700 (816) 931-7377 (fax) #26895 #37994

ATTORNEYS FOR DEFENDANT

#### CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

- I hereby certify on this  $\underline{le}$  day of Oetober, 2002, that a copy of the foregoing was mailed to:

Mr. James Dudley 4231 Tracy Kansas City, Missouri 64110

Attorney for Defendant

# IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF JACKSON COUNTY, MISSOURI ASSOCIATE CIRCUIT DIVISION

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Case No. 02 CV 222965 Division 25

Defendant.

#### AFFIDAVIT OF WANDA BUSSEY

STATE OF MISSOURI ) )ss. COUNTY OF JACKSON )

SOUTHERN UNION COMPANY, MISSOURI GAS ENERGY, Division

JAMES DUDLEY,

VS.

I, Wanda Bussey, after being duly sworn upon my oath, do state as follows:

1. I am Senior Customer Service Representative for Southern Union Company, Missouri Gas Energy, a division ("MGE"), and am authorized to make this affidavit in that capacity. The following facts are based upon my personal knowledge and a review of the business records of MGE kept in the normal and ordinary course of business.

2. Mr. James Dudley appears to reside at 4231 Tracy Ave., Kansas City, Missouri 64110.

3. Mr. Dudley owns property located at 4231 Tracy, 4024 Prospect, 3514 Bales, and 3312 Moulton, all in Kansas City, Missouri.

4. On or about April 26, 2002, a delinquency in the amount of \$2,212.59 existed for gas service at the 4024 Prospect property from September, 2000 through April, 2002.

5. Mr. Dudley told MGE that he did not know the name of the tenant residing at 4024 Prospect during that time that the bill was owed. The service was in the name of Sara Chappelow, who allegedly resided at the 4024 Prospect property during that time. MGE requested that Mr. Dudley provide proof of Ms. Chappelow's occupancy, but he has not provided any proof to MGE that anyone other than himself or his family was living there. 6. Ms. Chappelow has provided documents to MGE, including a signed lease agreement, showing that from May, 2000 through May, 2002, Ms. Chappelow was residing in Independence, Missouri, and not at 4024 Prospect.

7. Plaintiff is delinquent in his payments to MGE for gas service at 4231 Tracy in the amount of \$305.54.

8. Plaintiff is delinquent in his payments to MGE for gas service at 3514 Bales in the amount of \$250.20.

9. Plaintiff is delinquent in his payments to MGE for gas service at 3312 Moulton in the amount of \$324.15.

10. Plaintiff does not dispute the amounts owed for the properties at 4231 Tracy, 3514 Bales and 3312 Moulton.

11. MGE's operations are governed by a tariff on file with the Missouri Public Service Commission. Certain portions of this tariff are attached hereto as Exhibit 1 and incorporated herein by reference.

12. Section 3.02 of the tariff states that MGE shall not be required to supply gas service to a customer if said customer is indebted to the gas company for service at that or another address.

13. Section 3.07(a) of the tariff states that MGE has the right to discontinue gas service when a customer fails to pay a delinquent charge.

14.. Section 3.07(B) of the tariff states that "[i]n the event of discontinuance or termination of service at a separate residential metering point, residence or location in accordance with these General Terms and Conditions for Gas Service, Company may transfer any unpaid balance to any other residential service account of customer and may discontinue service twenty-one (21) days after rendition of the combined bill, for

nonpayment, in accordance with this rule.

# 15. MGE terminated service to the 4024 Prospect property on April 17, 2002.

16. The balance from the 4024 Prospect property was transferred to the 4231 Tracy account on June 25, 2002.

<sup>47</sup> 17. MGE notified Mr. Dudley of the balance transfer and requested that Mr. Dudley pay the indebtedness. Mr. Dudley failed to do so.

-18. Gas service to the 4231 Tracy property was terminated on July 30, 2002.

19. Mr. Dudley did not file a written complaint with the Missouri Public Service Commission.

20. Mr. Dudley did not request a rehearing from the Public Service Commission.

21. On October 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2002, Mr. Dudley made payments to MGE in the total amount of \$480.00 towards the past due balance on the 4231 Tracy account, and on October 3, 2002, MGE restored service to 4231 Tracy.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NAUGHT.

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Subscribed and sworn to before me this 44b day of November, 2002. KIMBERLY D. LAMBERT Notary Public, State of Missouri KIMBERLY D. LAMBERT Notary Public, State of Missouri Notary Public Notary Public

My Commission Expires:



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Missouri Gas Energy, a Division of Southern Union Company Service Commission For: All Missouri Service Areas

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# GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR GAS SERVICE

3.06	SUSPENSION OF SERVICE: Company shall have the right to suspend gas service to customer for temporary periods as may be necessary for the inspection, maintenance, alteration, change, health, safety, state of emergency, replacement or repair of gas facilities, or for the preservation or restoration of system operations. In all cases of interruption or suspension of service, Company will make reasonable efforts to restore service without unnecessary delay. No such interruption or suspension of service will relieve customer from charges provided for in customer's service agreement. Company shall not be liable for damages occasioned by suspension of service for said causes.
3.07	DISCONTINUANCE OF SERVICE: Company shall have the right to discontinue gas service to a customer and remove its facilities, or any portion thereof, from customer's premises upon default by customer of any provision of the service agreement. In addition to any other legal remedies, Company reserves the right to refuse to reconnect gas service to any customer until such default shall have been remedied by customer. Any one or more of the following may be considered as a default:
	(A) Non-payment of an undisputed delinquent charge.
	(B) Failure to post a security deposit or guarantee acceptable to Company.
	(C) Unauthorized interference, diversion or use of the gas service situated or delivered on or about customer's premises.
	(D) Failure to comply with the terms and conditions of a settlement agreement.
	(E) Refusal after reasonable notice to permit inspection maintenance, replacement or meter reading of utility equipment. If the utility has a reasonable belief that health or safety is at risk, notice at the time inspection is attempted is reasonable.
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ISSUED BY Robert J. Hack

Vice President. Pricing and Regulatory Affairs Missouri Gas Energy, Kansas City, MO. 64111

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Missouri Gas Energy, a Division of Southern Union Company

Service Commission For: All Missouri Service Areas

Missouri Gas Energy, Kansas City, MO. 64111

# GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR GAS SERVICE

(F) Misrepresentation of identity for the purpose of obtaining gas service.

- (G) Violation of any other General Terms and Conditions for Gas Service of Company on file with and approved by the Commission which adversely affects the safety of customer or other persons, or the integrity of Company's delivery system.
- (H) Failure to pay cost of additional service line, or replacement of a customerowned service line or lines as provided for in Sections 3.14 and 3.15 herein.
- (I) As provided by state or federal law.

None of the following shall constitute sufficient cause for Company to discontinue service:

(A) The failure of customer to pay for merchandise, appliances, or services not subject to Commission jurisdiction as an integral part of the gas provided by Company.

(B) The failure of customer to pay for concurrent service received at a separate metering point, residence or location. In the event of discontinuance or termination of service at a separate residential metering point, residence or location in accordance with these General Terms and Conditions for Gas Service, Company may transfer any unpaid balance to any other residential service account of customer and may discontinue service twenty-one (21) days after rendition of the combined bill, for nonpayment, in accordance with this rule.

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# IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF JACKSON COUNTY, MISSOURI

JAMES DUDLEY,	)
Plaintiff,	) )
vs.	)
SOUTHERN UNION COMPANY, MISSOURI GAS ENERGY, Division	)
Defendant.	)

Missouri Public ilssion Case No. 02 CV 222965 Division 25

# SUGGESTIONS IN SUPPORT OF MGE'S MOTION FOR SUMMARY JUDGMENT

COMES NOW the Defendant, Southern Union Company, Missouri Gas Energy, a division ("MGE"), by and through its attorneys of record, and respectfully submits the following Suggestions in Support of its Motion for Summary Judgment against Plaintiff James Dudley.

### **INTRODUCTION**

Plaintiff is an individual residing in Kansas City, Jackson County, Missouri. He is the 5 owner of numerous properties in the Kansas City area, including 4231 Tracy, 4024 Prospect, 3514 b Bales and 3312 Moulton. All of these properties are supplied with gas service by MGE. In April, 7 8 2002, a past due balance for Plaintiff's account at the 4024 Prospect address was transferred to Mr. Dudley's account for 4231 Tracy, which was past due already. After Mr. Dudley refused to 9 pay the delinquent charges, gas service was shut off on July 30, 2002. As will be shown, MGE 16 acted at all times in accordance with its tariff, which governs all MGE's operations. Additionally, 11 this Court is without jurisdiction to hear Plaintiff's claims, because he failed to exhaust his 12 administrative remedies through the Missouri Public Service Commission ("PSC"). Accordingly, 13 14 there is no genuine issue of material fact and MGE is entitled to judgment as a matter of law.

<sup>\*</sup>11 Schedule

STANDARDS FOR SUMMARY JUDGMENT

say classSummary Judgment is appropriate where the pleadings, depositions, answers to 7. 3 interrogatories, and admissions on file, together with the affidavits, if any, show that there is no genuine issue as to any material fact and that the moving party is entitled to judgment as a matter Ŋ of law. Daffron v. McDonnell Douglas Corp., 874 S.W.2d 482, 483 (Mo. App. 1994). Rule 5 74.04, Missouri Rules of Civil Procedure. All evidence is viewed in the light most favorable to the non-moving party and the facts set forth by affidavit or otherwise in support of a party's ኅ motion are taken as true unless contradicted by the non-moving party's response to the summary 8 judgment motion. ITT Commercial Finance Corp. v. Mid-Am Marine Supply Corp. 854 S.W.2d 9 371, 376 (Mo. banc 1993). Once the movant has established a right to judgment as a matter of 1D law, the non-movant must show a genuine dispute as to the material facts. Id.

#### ARGUMENT

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# 1. MGE's tariff allowed the termination of Plaintiff's service.

16 MGE's operations are governed by a tariff on file with the Missouri Public Service Commission. Section 3.02 of that tariff states that MGE shall not be required to supply gas service to a customer if said customer is indebted to the gas company for service at that or another address. See Bussey Affidavit. Additionally, section 3.07(a) of the same tariff states that MGE has the right to discontinue gas service when a customer fails to pay a delinquent charge.

In the event of discontinuance or termination of service at a separate residential metering point, residence or location in accordance with these General Terms and Conditions for Gas Service, Company may transfer any unpaid balance to any other residential service account of customer and may discontinue service twenty-one (21) days after rendition of the combined bill, for nonpayment, in accordance with this rule.

 $\mathcal{J}\iota$  Section 3.07(B).

MGE terminated service to the 4024 Prospect property on April 17, 2002. In April, 2002, Mr. Dudley's account with MGE was delinquent at the 4231 Tracy property in the amount of \$300.27. After Mr. Dudley refused to pay the balance due on the 4024 Prospect account, that balance the was transferred to the 4231 Tracy account on June 25, 2002. When Mr. Dudley refused to pay the total balance due on the 4231 Tracy account, gas service to that location was terminated on July 30, 2002. *Id.* 

On July 30, 2002, Mr. Dudley's original balance due on the 4231 Tracy account was more than three months past due and the transferred balance was delinquent more than 21 days after the transfer. Further, Plaintiff admits that he is delinquent on 3 accounts with MGE, and only disputes the transferred balance. As such, MGE acted in accordance with its tariff in terminating gas service to 4231 Tracy and did not unlawfully damage Plaintiff. When Mr. Dudley made a substantial payment toward the past due balance on the 4231 Tracy account, MGE restored service to that residence the next day.

 $|l| \qquad \text{WHEREFORE, for the foregoing reasons, Defendant MGE prays for judgment in its} \\ |l| \qquad \text{favor and against plaintiff, that plaintiff's Petition be dismissed, for its costs herein incurred, and} \\ |l| \qquad \text{for such other and further relief as this Court deems just.} \\$ 

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#### 2. Plaintiff has failed to exhaust administrative remedies.

The PSC is a state agency established by the Missouri General Assembly to regulate public utilities operating within the State. Section 386.020, RSMo. An informal complaint may be filed by a customer with the PSC, but if the customer is not satisfied with the PSC's response, a formal complaint, in writing must be filed. 4 CSR 240-2.070: The PSC then investigates, holds a hearing, and renders a decision on the merits. R.S.Mo. sections 386.90 – 386.500. Only after the decision of the PSC may a circuit court review the PSC's decision. Section 386.510

Within thirty days after the application for a rehearing is denied, or if the application is granted, then within thirty days after the rendition of the decision on rehearing, the applicant may apply to the circuit court of the county where the hearing was held or in which the commission has its principal office for a writ of certiorari or review (herein referred to as a writ of review) for the purpose of having the reasonableness or lawfulness of the original order or decision or the order or decision on rehearing inquired into or determined. . . No new or additional evidence may be introduced upon the hearing in the circuit court but the cause shall be heard by the court without the intervention of a jury on the evidence and exhibits introduced before the commission and certified to by it.

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Section 386.510. Without a decision by the PSC, there is literally nothing for the circuit court to review. Because Mr. Dudley failed to file a formal complaint with the PSC, and also failed to request a rehearing as required by section 386.510, there has not been a hearing or a decision, and  $l_{l}$  this Court does not have jurisdiction. Accordingly, Plaintiff's claims against MGE should be  $l_{l}$  dismissed.

As shown above, MGE has acted in accordance with the tariff governing its conduct in transferring a past due balance between Plaintiff's accounts and terminating Plaintiff's gas service. *I* Moreover, even if MGE had not acted correctly, which MGE disputes, Plaintiff has failed to *I* exhaust the required administrative remedies, and this Court is without jurisdiction to hear *2* c) Plaintiff's claims.

21 WHEREFORE, for the foregoing reasons, Defendant MGE respectfully requests that this 22 Court grant judgment in its favor, and against plaintiff, that MGE be awarded for its costs herein 23 incurred, and for such other and further relief as this Court deems just.

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#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

November, 2002, to the following:

Mr. James Dudley 4231 Tracy Kansas City, Missouri 64110

Attorney for Defendant

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF JACKSON COUNTY, MISSOF

Defendant.

JAMES DUDLEY,	
	Plaintiff,
vs.	
SOUTHERN UNION CO	
MISSOURI GAS ENERG	Y, DIVISION

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Case No. 02 CV 222965

Division 25

# SUGGESTIONS IN OPPOSITION TO PLAINTIFF'S MOTION FOR SUMMARY JUDGMENT

COMES NOW the Defendant, Southern Union Company, Missouri Gas Energy, a division ("MGE"), by and through its attorneys of record, and respectfully submits the following 3 Suggestions in Opposition to Plaintiff's Motion for Summary Judgment.

#### **INTRODUCTION**

21 Plaintiff is an individual proceeding pro se. Apparently, Plaintiff is complaining about a delinquent gas bill on a rental property owned by him located at 4024 Prospect. After the 5 previous tenant provided proof that she had not lived at 4024 Prospect during the time in question, 6 7 MGE requested Mr. Dudley provide the name of the person residing at 4024 Prospect because somebody was obviously using gas service. After Mr. Dudley failed to provide the name or proof that anyone other than he or his family was living at 4024 Prospect, pursuant to its tariff, MGE G discontinued service at 4024 Prospect. Also pursuant to its tariff, MGE transferred the 4024 10 11 Prospect balance to Mr. Dudley's admitted residence at 4231 Tracy, and when the delinquency was not paid, service was terminated at 4231 Tracy. After Mr. Dudley made some payments 13 toward the delinquency, MGE restored gas service to the Tracy address.
As was shown in MGE's Motion for Summary Judgment filed November 6, 2002, MGE actéd in accord with its tariff at all times. Not only is Plaintiff not entitled to summary judgment in its favor, the uncontroverted facts clearly show that MGE is entitled to judgment as a matter of law against Plaintiff.

### STANDARDS FOR SUMMARY JUDGMENT

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Summary Judgment is appropriate where the pleadings, depositions, answers to 5 interrogatories, and admissions on file, together with the affidavits, if any, show that there is no 6 genuine issue as to any material fact and that the moving party is entitled to judgment as a matter 1 of law. Daffron v. McDonnell Douglas Corp., 874 S.W.2d 482, 483 (Mo. App. 1994). Rule 8 9 74.04, Missouri Rules of Civil Procedure. Once the moving party has established a right to judgment as a matter of law, "the nonmoving party's only recourse is to show that there is a 16 11 genuine dispute of material fact by offering affidavits, deposition, answers to interrogatories, or admissions." Garrett v. Impac Hotels 1, L.L.C., 87 S.W.3d 870, 872 (Mo.App.E.D. 2002). 12 13 Parties may not avoid summary judgment by introducing their own statements of conclusory 11 allegations to create a genuine issue of material fact. Id.

In the instant case, Mr. Dudley has failed to show that he is entitled to judgment as a matter of law or that there is any genuine issue of material fact as to MGE's Motion for Summary Judgment. His conclusory allegations do not create any genuine issues of material fact.

### MGE'S RESPONSE TO PLAINTIFF'S STATEMENT OF CONTROVERTED FACTS.

1 Admit. Paragraph 1 repeats verbatim MGE's statement in its Motion for Summary IG Judgment.

20 2. Admit. Paragraph 2 repeats verbatim MGE's statement in its Motion for

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Summary Judgment.

3. Admit. MGE admits that Mr. Dudley disputed the bill at 4024 Prospect.

4. Admit. Paragraph 4 repeats verbatim paragraph 3 of MGE's statement of Uncontroverted Facts.

5-8. Plaintiff appears to be admitting something in MGE's Statement of Uncontroverted Facts. We think that Plaintiff is admitting the delinquent accounts at 4231 Tracy, 3514 Bales, and 3312 Moulton.

9-13. Admit. Paragraphs 9 - 13 repeat paragraphs 9 - 13 of MGE's Uncontroverted 8 9 facts.

14. Deny. Plaintiff appears to be stating that the delinquent balances did not become 16 an issue until after September 29, 2002. MGE asserts that these delinquencies were being 11 addressed with Plaintiff well before September 29, 2002. 12

> 15. Admit. Plaintiff repeats paragraph 15 of MGE's facts.

16. Admit. Plaintiff repeats paragraph 16 of MGE's facts.

17. Deny. Plaintiff asserts that he filed a written complaint with the Missouri Public 15 16 Service Commission, but has not provided a copy of or proof of said written complaint.

17 18. Admit. MGE admits that Plaintiff received a letter from the Public Service 18 Commission.

19. Deny. Plaintiff was able to read the statutes well enough to call the Public Service 19 Commission, and is able to read the statutes enough to cite them in his various motions filed in 20 21 this case. The administrative requirement for a hearing before the Public Service Commission is clearly detailed in the statute, 4 CSR 240-2.070, as well as the administrative requirement of a 12 request for rehearing as set forth in sections 386.90 - 386.500, RSMo. 11

20. Admit.

21. Admit.

Deny. Plaintiff asserts that he followed the dispute policy for the Missouri Public
 Service Commission, but admits in paragraphs 20 and 21 that he did not request or have a hearing
 or request a rehearing.

Unable to admit or deny. MGE does not know who lives at 4024 Prospect, but the
 property is owned by Plaintiff.

24. See response to paragraph 23.

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26. See response to paragraph 23.

Admit that Plaintiff had gas service in his name at 4024 Prospect from Sept. 2001
 through April 2002.

 $\begin{vmatrix} 2 \\ 28 \end{vmatrix}$  Deny. Plaintiff had gas service in his name in September, 2001 at 4024 Prospect.  $\begin{vmatrix} 4 \\ 29 \end{vmatrix}$  MGE admits that Plaintiff disputed the bill to MGE but denies that he followed any  $\begin{vmatrix} 4 \\ 4 \end{vmatrix}$  of the proper administrative procedures before the Public Service Commission.

16 30. Unable to admit or deny. MGE is not sure what the listing of three statutes means. 17 Plaintiff has a section entitled Missouri Gas Energy Uncontroverted Facts. MGE will now 14 attempt to respond to Plaintiff's "facts".

Deny. Mr. Dudley had a delinquent bill for gas service at 4024 Prospect.
 MGE admits that gas service was in Ms. Chappelow's name until May, 2000.
 MGE admits that Ms. Chappelow lived at 4024 Prospect until May 2000.

 $2^{2}$  4. Deny. Attached to MGE's Motion for Summary Judgment is the affidavit of an 23 MGE employee verifying that Ms. Chappelow provided proof to MGE that she no longer resided

at 4024 Prospect.

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5. Deny. MGE asserts that because the property at 4024 Prospect is owned by Mr. Dudley, the burden is upon him to provide proof that someone other than he was residing at the location. Plaintiff has wholly failed to provide any documentation that anyone other than himself or his family resided at 4024 Prospect during the time in question.

6. See response to paragraph No. 5.

7-11 Unable to respond or deny. MGE is unsure to what Plaintiff is referring.

12. Admit.

13. Admit.

10 Plaintiff references Suggestions in support of his Motion, but MGE did not receive a copy of 11 these suggestions, if there are any.

### **ARGUMENT**

Plaintiff has completely failed to show that he is entitled to judgment as a matter of law.
Instead he has admitted the essential elements of MGE's Motion for Summary Judgment, that he
owns various properties, that each of those properties had a delinquent balance, that MGE's tariff
allows the transfer of delinquent balances and termination of service for delinquent balances.
Further, Plaintiff admits that he did not request a hearing before the Missouri Public Service
Commission or a rehearing, which is a requirement in order to file suit against MGE, a public
entity.

As stated in MGE's Motion for Summary Judgment, MGE's operations are governed by a  $2^{0}$  tariff on file with the Missouri Public Service Commission. That tariff allows MGE to refuse to  $2^{1}$  supply gas service to a customer if said customer is indebted to the gas company for service at that  $2^{2}$  or another address. Additionally, the same tariff allows MGE to discontinue gas service when

a customer fails to pay a delinquent charge. Finally, the tariff explicitly states that MGE may
 transfer any unpaid balance to another residential service account and terminate service for
 nonpayment of the combined bill.

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Simply put, MGE acted at all times in accordance with its tariff. It terminated service to the 4024 Prospect property on April 17, 2002. In April, 2002, Mr. Dudley's account with MGE was delinquent at the 4231 Tracy property in the amount of \$300.27. After Mr. Dudley refused to pay the balance due on the 4024 Prospect account, that balance then was transferred to the 4231 Tracy account on June 25, 2002. When Mr. Dudley refused to pay the total balance due on the 4231 Tracy account, gas service to that location was terminated on July 30, 2002. *Id*.

I) On July 30, 2002, Mr. Dudley's original balance due on the 4231 Tracy account was more
 I) I than three months past due and the transferred balance was delinquent more than 21 days after the
 I/2 transfer. When Mr. Dudley made a payment toward the past due balance on the 4231 Tracy
 I/3 account, MGE restored service to that residence the next day.

|l| Additionally, Plaintiff admits that he has not requested a hearing in writing from the Public  $|\zeta|$  Service Commission. Because he has failed to exhaust his administrative remedies, this Court is |l| without jurisdiction to hear his complaint.

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I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing was mailed, postage prepaid, this day of

January, 2003, to the following:

Mr. James Dudley 4231 Tracy Kansas City, Missouri 64110

Attorney for Defendant



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September 25, 2002

Mr. James Dudley 4231 Tracy Kansas City, MO 64110

#### MGE Past Due Amount Re:

Dear James:

MMM: jmd

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As per our telephone discussion of yesterday, I told you that Missouri Gas Energy had the following amounts as past due:

> \$250.20 3514 Bales \$305.54 4231 Tracy 3312 Moulton \$324.15 \$879.89 TOTAL

 $\mathcal{SO}_{\mathcal{F}} \mathcal{O}$ These accounts are all in your own name, and you told me that you do not dispute that the balances are past due. You also told me that you do not dispute the amount of each account. You stated that you would call MGE and make arrangements for payment so that service can be returned to 4231 Tracy.

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Please let me know as soon as you get a sytisfactory arrangement with MOE to pay these mat due bulquees,



Herman A. Loepp, Esq.

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Very truly yours,

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