

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

In the Matter of Southern Union Company d/b/a) **File No. GE-2011-0282**
Missouri Gas Energy's Application for Waiver/Variance)

ORDER DIRECTING FILING

Issue Date: October 17, 2011

Effective Date: October 17, 2011

On October 14, 2011, Missouri Gas Energy (“MGE”) filed a proposed procedural schedule. On that same date, the Office of the Public Counsel (“Public Counsel”) and the Commission’s Staff jointly filed an alternative schedule. MGE’s schedule would have the evidentiary hearing occurring on January 10-11, 2012, while Public Counsel and Staff would have the hearing occurring on February 8-9, 2012. MGE states that its schedule is based on the fact that the outcome may have an impact on its 2011 financial statements.

Before the Commission determines which schedule should be adopted it would like to hear the reasons serving as the basis for Public Counsel's and Staff's proposed schedule. Because the parties have all agreed that October 27, 2011 could be the date for the filing of direct testimony, the Commission will set that deadline.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. No later than October 21, 2011, the Commission's Staff and the Office of the Public Counsel's shall explain the reasons behind their recommended procedural schedule.
2. No later than October 27, 2011, all of the parties shall file the direct testimony of their witnesses.

3. This order shall become effective immediately upon issuance.

BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. C. Reed', written in a cursive style.

Steven C. Reed
Secretary

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Harold Stearley, Senior Regulatory Law Judge,
by delegation of authority under
Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 17th day of October, 2011.