

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

The Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission,)	
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Complainant,)	
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v.)	<u>File No. GC-2011-0100</u>
)	
Missouri Gas Energy, a Division of Southern Union Company,)	
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)	
Respondent.)	

**ORDER GRANTING MOTION FOR EXPEDITED TREATMENT
AND SUSPENDING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE**

Issue Date: January 12, 2011

Effective Date: January 12, 2011

The Staff of the Commission’s direct testimony in this case is presently due on January 19, 2011. On January 11, 2011, Staff filed a Motion to Suspend Procedural Schedule and a Motion for Expedited Treatment. Staff notes that Missouri Gas Energy’s response to Staff’s Motion for Summary Determination is due on or before January 31, 2011. Staff argues that if its direct testimony must be filed before MGE’s response to its Motion for Summary Determination is filed, Staff will be deprived of the chief benefit it sought in seeking summary determination. Consequently, Staff requests suspension of the procedural schedule until the Commission has ruled on its Motion for Summary Determination. Staff further requests expedited treatment of its motion.

Having considered Staff’s motions, the Commission finds good cause to grant the requested expedited treatment. The Commission will suspend the entire procedural

schedule, including the requirement of a response to the Motion for Summary Determination, until after the Commission has ruled on the motion to dismiss.¹

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The Staff of the Commission's Motion for Expedited Treatment is granted.
2. The Staff of the Commission's Motion to Suspend Procedural Schedule is granted.
3. This order shall become effective upon issuance.

BY THE COMMISSION



Steven C. Reed
Secretary

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Nancy Dippell, Deputy Chief Regulatory
Law Judge, by delegation of authority
pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 12th day of January, 2011.

¹ The Regulatory Law Judge reminds the parties to this case that she was informed at the prehearing conference that these deadlines were not interdependent. Having now been informed otherwise by both sides, the Commission will rule expeditiously on the motion to dismiss and set a new date for an answer to the Motion for Summary Determination.