

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

In the Matter of Missouri Gas Energy and                 )  
Its Tariff Filing to Implement a General Rate          )  
Increase for Natural Gas Service                         )

**File No. GR-2009-0355**

## ORDER DIRECTING FILING

Issue Date: June 29, 2009

Effective Date: June 29, 2009

On April 2, 2009,<sup>1</sup> Missouri Gas Energy, a division of Southern Union Company (hereafter “MGE”), submitted to the Commission proposed tariff sheets intended to implement a general rate increase for natural gas service. The Commission ordered the Office of the Public Counsel (hereafter “OPC”) to send the Commission a proposed customer notice of MGE’s rate increase request. OPC sent the Commission such a notice, and MGE has objected to OPC’s proposed notice.

OPC responded to MGE's objection. The parties disagree on what the customer notice should state. However, OPC states that it has discussed its proposed notice with MGE, and it will attempt to work with MGE on a compromise.

On June 26, MGE filed another proposed customer notice. In addition, MGE stated that to properly notify customers of the rate increase request and the local public hearings, MGE needs a ruling from the Commission no later than July 9.

The Commission will order OPC to expeditiously reply to MGE's June 26 pleading.

<sup>1</sup> Unless otherwise noted, calendar references are to 2009.

**THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:**

1. The Office of the Public Counsel shall file a pleading as directed above no later than June 30, 2009.
2. This order shall become effective immediately upon issuance.

**BY THE COMMISSION**

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

Colleen M. Dale  
Secretary

( S E A L )

Ronald D. Pridgin, Senior Regulatory  
Law Judge, by delegation of authority  
pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,  
on this 29<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2009.