

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

The Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission,)	
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Complainant,)	
)	
v.)	<u>File No. GC-2011-0100</u>
)	
Missouri Gas Energy, a Division of Southern Union Company)	
Legal Department)	
3420 Broadway)	
Kansas City, Missouri 64111,)	
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CERTIFIED MAIL,)	
)	
Respondent.)	

**NOTICE OF COMPLAINT AND OF CONTESTED CASE
AND ORDER DIRECTING FILING**

Issue Date: October 13, 2010

Effective date: October 13, 2010

The Commission is giving notice of a complaint and contested case, and directing the parties to make certain filings. A copy of the complaint is attached.

On October 7, 2010, the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission filed a complaint with the Commission against Missouri Gas Energy, a Division of Southern Union Company. A copy of the complaint is enclosed. The filing of a complaint requires the Commission to set a hearing.¹ The requirement of a hearing on such issues signifies a contested case.² A contested case is a formal hearing procedure, but it

¹ Section 386.390.5, RSMo 2000.

² Section 536.010(4), RSMo Cum. Supp. 2009.

allows for waiver of procedural formalities and a decision without a hearing,³ including by stipulation and agreement.⁴

Under Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.070, Missouri Gas Energy has 30 days from the date of this notice to file an answer or to file notification that the complaint has been satisfied. All pleadings must be filed in the Commission's Electronic Filing and Information System (EFIS), accessible through the Commission's web page (www.psc.mo.gov), or mailed to:

Secretary of the Public Service Commission
P.O. Box 360
Jefferson City, Missouri 65102-0360

The Commission's rules of discovery are set forth at 4 CSR 240-2.090.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. Respondent shall file an answer to the complaint no later than November 12, 2010.
2. This order is effective upon issuance.

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BY THE COMMISSION



Steven C. Reed
Secretary

Nancy Dippell, Deputy Chief Regulatory
Law Judge, by delegation of authority
pursuant to Section 388.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 13th day of October, 2010.

³ Section 536.060, RSMo 2000.

⁴ 4 CSR 240-2.115.