BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of Missouri Gas Ener-) gy and Its Tariff Filing to Imple-) ment a General Rate Increase for) Natural Gas Service)

GR-2009-0355

APPLICATION FOR ORDER ALLOWING INTERVENTION OF MIDWEST GAS USERS' ASSOCIATION

Comes now MIDWEST GAS USERS' ASSOCIATION ("Midwest") and pursuant to 4 C.S.R. 240-2.075 applies to intervene herein and become a party hereto in respect to the above matter. In support thereof, Midwest respectfully states:

1. Midwest is an unincorporated non-profit association consisting of and representing its membership of business concerns and corporations that are substantial users of natural gas at their plants situated in such states as Kansas, Missouri and Oklahoma. Numerous members have plants and facilities which are located in and consume natural gas within the State of Missouri. A listing of Midwest members and participants is attached as Appendix $A.^{1/}$

^{1/}Pursuant to 4 CSR 240-2.075(3), the attached listing includes Midwest members and companies that have at various times and in various matters participated through Midwest in proceedings in Missouri, Kansas and at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. Participants in a particular case will vary depending on the nature of the case, the location and service area of the utility involved, and the impacts on and circumstances of a particular member's or participant's operations. The promptness of the suspension order and the resulting early intervention date has prevented a full response from the membership while information is still being circulated and reviewed. (continued...)

2. Midwest's interest in proceedings affecting the rates, terms and conditions of large customer natural gas service and transportation service has been repeatedly recognized by the Missouri Public Service Commission in permitting Midwest's intervention in proceedings affecting The Gas Service Company, its successors, KPL Gas Service Company, Western Resources and Missouri Gas Energy, Aquila, Inc. (Missouri Public Service Company), Ameren Union Electric and in numerous generic dockets involving the terms and conditions of natural gas transportation and purchased gas adjustment clauses for natural gas companies in the State of Missouri. Midwest's interest in proceedings affecting natural gas rates, and the terms and conditions of natural gas service also has been recognized by the Federal Power Commission and its successor the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission in granting Midwest's intervention in numerous Natural Gas Act Section 4 and 5 dockets concerning Williams Natural Gas Pipeline Company (now Southern Star Central), Panhandle Eastern Pipeline Company, Riverside Pipeline (now Enbridge Inc.), and other generic dockets concerning the terms and conditions of natural gas service, including FERC Orders 436, 500, 451, 528, 636 and 637.

 $[\]frac{1}{2}$ (...continued) Present participants in this intervention are EnerSys Inc., North Kansas City Hospital, Archer Daniels Midland Corporation, United States Gypsum Co and Vance Brothers Asphalt. Other participants' involvement and authorization is pending and is expected to be drawn from the attached listing.

3. On or about April 2, 2009, Missouri Gas Energy, a Division of Southern Union Corporation (MGE) filed proposed tariffs reflecting an overall annual revenue increase of \$32.4 million for its Missouri service area. MGE proposes to increase transportation rates by over \$1 million. Other changes may have been proposed that may affect the economics of natural gas transportation for Midwest members and participants.

4. As major customers of MGE, Midwest members and participants will be affected by the outcome of this case to a material but as yet undetermined extent.

5. Because MGE transports gas for use by Midwest members under separate transportation rate schedules and because of the size and consumption patterns of Midwest's members, Midwest is in the special position of representing interests that will not and cannot be represented adequately by any other party and which interests are direct, immediate and differ from the interests of the general public. Therefore, it will aid the Commission and protect the public interest that Midwest be permitted to intervene in this proceeding so as to protect interests that no other party is in a position properly to protect and adequately represent.

6. For purposes of 4 CSR 240-2.075(2), Midwest has historically opposed the discriminatory, non-cost-based pricing of natural gas distribution services for all customers. Midwest is unable to make a more specific formulation or statement of the positions it will take in the issues in this case pending further

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review of MGE's filing, expected discovery, and the positions that may be taken by other parties to this proceeding.

WHEREFORE, Midwest prays: (a) that Midwest be permitted to intervene herein and be made a party hereto with all rights to have notice of and participate in hearings to present evidence, cross-examine witnesses, file briefs and participate in argument, should any be had; and (b) for all other needful and proper relief.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that I have this day served the foregoing pleading by U.S. mail, postage prepaid addressed to all parties by their attorneys of record as disclosed by the pleadings and orders herein.

Stuart W. Conrad

Dated: April 27, 2009

APPENDIX A

A D Mohr Farms ABB Power T & D Corporation Ag Processing Inc a cooperative Alameda Towers Alameda Plaza Inc. [Fairmont] American Bakeries Co. American Beauty Macaroni Archer Daniels Midland Company Ark City Packing Co. Banquet Foods Corporation Baptist Medical Center Bayer Inc. Bethany Hospital Blueside Company BMA Bowen Construction Co. Butler Manufacturing Co. Cargill Inc. Carnation Can Co. Castlegate Ind. Inc. Certain-Teed Products Inc. Chesebrough-Ponds, Inc. City of Osborne City of Holton City of Minneapolis City of Beloit City of Ottawa City of Independence, Missouri City of Palymyra City of Horton City of Sabetha City of Baldwin City of Augusta City of Ossawatomie City of Lincoln Coleman Alfalfa Colgate Palmolive Continental Baking Company Cook Paint & Varnish Corn Products Company Danisco Cultor, Inc. Doanes Products Empire Cold Storage Fairbanks Morse Pump Fairbanks Morse & Co. Fairmont C. C. Dairy Fasco Products, Inc. Faultless Laundry Folger's Coffee Co. Ford Motor Co. Fox Run Apartments

Friskies Petcare Div. of Nestle' Inc. Frito Lay Gaines Foods General Mills Griffin Wheel Guardian Management Inc. Gulf & Western Mfg. Guys Foods Inc. Hallmark Cards Hamm Asphalt Inc. Harvest Brand Inc. Hercules, Inc. Hills Pet Food Division Hills Division of Riviana Hospital Linen Service Hudson Foods, Inc. Hudson Food Protein Hudson Farms ICI Explosives USA, Inc. J C Nichols Co. Kansas City Terminal Railway Koppers Co. Inc. Krause Milling Co. Lafarge Corporation Lawrence Paper Company Leggett & Platt Inc. M K T Railroad M F A Milling Maytag Corporation McNally Pittsburg Medical Center of Independence Menorah Medical Center Mid-America Dairymen Midwest Grain Products Midwest Conveyor Milnot Compay Mission Clay Products Missouri Plating Co. Missouri Steel Castings Modine Manufacturing Company National ByProducts National Starch Company North Kansas City Hospital O'Sullivan Industries Owens Corning Fiberglas PCS Nitrogen Co. Pet Milk Co. Philadelphia Quartz Co. Pittsburgh Corning Corporation Potash Corporation Proctor & Gamble Co.

Ouaker Oats Quintiles Ralston Purina Co. Reichhold Chemical Inc. Research Hospital and Medical Center Reynolds Metals Co. Rival Manuracturing Co. Safeway Stores Santa Fe Railroad Sealright Mfg. Co. Sears Roebuck & Co. Seitz Foods Inc. Southwest Oil & Grease Sperry Vickers St. Joseph Light & Power St. Joseph's Center St. Francis Hospital St. John's Hospital St. Mary's Hospital, St. Joseph, Missouri [Heartland] St. Lukes Hospital St. Joseph's Hospital Stahl Manufacturing Co. Standard Refining Steffen Dairy Swift Ind. Packing Co. Swift and Company Teva Pharmaceuticals, Inc. Thomas J. Lipton Inc. Thompson Industries Tower Metal Products Town of Carrolton Trigen - Kansas City District Trinity Lutheran Hospital Trumbull Asphalt U S Gypsum Co. Vance Brothers Asphalt W R Grace & Co. W S Dickey Clay Products Co. Wells Aluminum Inc. Winchester Foods Inc. Wire Rope Corporation of America