

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

In the Matter of the Application of)
Missouri Gas Energy, a division of)
Southern Union Company, for a Variance)
from 4 CSR 240-13.050(3), and MGE's)
Tariffs, Pertaining to Permitted Hours for)
Discontinuance of Service.)

Case No. GE-2005-0247

STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION

COMES NOW Staff of the Public Service Commission of Missouri, and for its recommendation states:

1. By its Report and Order dated March 17, 2005, the Commission granted Missouri Gas Energy, a division of Southern Union Company, a variance from 4 CSR 240-13.050(3) pertaining to hours permitted for discontinuance of service.

2. MGE filed tariff sheets to comply with the Commission's Order on March 21, and has asked for expedited treatment. Staff has reviewed the tariff sheets, and recommends that the Commission approve them on an expedited basis. Staff's recommendation is attached as Appendix A.

WHEREFORE, the Staff asks the Commission to approve MGE's tariff sheets for service on and after April 4, 2005.

Respectfully submitted,

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