

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 the Provisions of the Affiliate
Transaction Rule

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Case No. GE-2006-0301

ORDER EXTENDING TIME TO RESPOND TO STAFF
RECOMMENDATION

Issue Date: February 24, 2006

Effective Date: February 24, 2006

Missouri Gas Energy, a division of Southern Union Company, has filed an application for a variance from some of the provisions of the Commission's affiliate transaction rule. On February 17, the Commission's Staff filed a pleading in which it recommended that MGE withdraw its application for variance and instead submit a tariff filing to accomplish its purposes. The Commission's rules provide that parties are generally allowed ten days to respond to any pleading, meaning that MGE would be expected to respond to Staff's pleading by February 27.

On February 24, MGE filed a motion requesting that it be allowed until March 20 to consider and respond to Staff's recommendation. MGE represents that it has discussed its request for additional time with counsel for Staff and the Office of the Public Counsel, and that neither object.

MGE's motion is reasonable and is not opposed by any party. It will be granted.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. Missouri Gas Energy is allowed until March 20, 2006, to respond to Staff's recommendation.
2. This order shall become effective on February 24, 2006.

BY THE COMMISSION

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Colleen M. Dale
Secretary

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Morris L. Woodruff, Deputy Chief Regulatory
Law Judge, by delegation of authority
pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 24th day of February, 2006.