

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of Missouri Gas Energy, a Division)
of Southern Union Company, Concerning a Natural) **File No. GS-2011-0248**
Gas Incident at the Intersection of 107th Street and)
Blue Ridge Boulevard in Kansas City, Missouri.)

ORDER DIRECTING FILING

Issue Date: December 12, 2011

Effective Date: December 12, 2011

On February 2, 2011 in Kansas City, Missouri, a 16-inch diameter steel natural gas transmission pipeline fractured, releasing gas at a sufficient pressure to blow through the soil and snow covering the pipe and venting the gas to the atmosphere. The pipeline is owned and operated by Missouri Gas Energy ("MGE"), a division of Southern Union Company. The Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Staff") has been actively investigating the incident since its occurrence. On December 9, 2011, the Staff filed a Gas Incident Report ("Report") describing the incident and previous MGE testing and maintenance activities. After analyzing the effectiveness of MGE's pipeline management program and potential threats to the pipelines, the Report makes seven specific recommendations for MGE action. The Staff requests that the Commission direct MGE to file a response addressing the seven recommendations in the Report within 60 days. The Commission will grant the Staff's request.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. MGE shall respond to the Staff's Gas Incident Report, specifically addressing the seven recommendations set out therein, no later than February 12, 2012.
2. This order shall become effective immediately upon issuance.

BY THE COMMISSION



Steven C. Reed
Secretary

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Michael Bushmann, Regulatory Law
Judge, by delegation of authority
pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 12th day of December, 2011.