BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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In the Matter of Missouri Gas Energy and Its Tariff Filing to Implement a General Rate Increase for Natural Gas Service

File No. GR-2009-0355 Tariff No. YG-2009-0714

ORDER GRANTING STAFF'S MOTION FOR A COMMISSION ORDER ESTABLISHING THE TEST YEAR AS THE TWELVE-MONTH PERIOD ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2008 AND UPDATE PERIOD ENDING APRIL 30, 2009

Issue Date: August 12, 2009

Effective Date: August 12, 2009

On April 2, 2009¹, Missouri Gas Energy, a division of Southern Union Company (hereafter "MGE"), submitted to the Commission proposed tariff sheets intended to implement a general rate increase for natural gas service. MGE filed its Recommendation Concerning Test Year and Update and Request for True-Up Audit and Hearing on April 20. MGE requested that the Commission set the test year as the twelve month period ending December 31, 2008, updated through June 30, 2009.

The Staff of the Commission responded on April 28, agreeing to the test year, but instead proposing an update period through April 30, 2009. The Office of the Public Counsel concurred in Staff's request. On May 29, MGE consented to Staff's requested update period. No other party has responded.

On August 11, Staff filed the above-titled motion. In light of the consent of the parties, the Commission will grant Staff's motion.

¹ Unless otherwise noted, all calendar references are to 2009.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. Staff's Motion for a Commission Order Establishing the Test Year as the Twelve Month Period Ending December 31, 2008 and Update Period Ending April 30, 2009 is granted.

- 2. The test year and update period are set as listed in paragraph 1.
- 3. This order shall become effective on August 12, 2009.

BY THE COMMISSION

Steven C. Reed Secretary

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Ronald D. Pridgin, Senior Regulatory Law Judge, by delegation of authority pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri, on this 12th day of August, 2009.