

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

In the Matter of the Application of)	
Missouri Gas Energy for the Issuance of)	
an Accounting Authority Relating to its)	
Natural Gas Operations and for a)	Case No. GU-2011-0392
Contingent Waiver of the Notice)	
Requirement of 4 CSR 240-4.020(2).)	

STAFF'S RESPONSE TO

COMMISSION ORDER DIRECTING FILING

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission and for its Response to Commission Order Directing Filing states:

1. On June 10, 2011, Southern Union Company d/b/a Missouri Gas Energy (MGE) filed an Application for Issuance of an Accounting Authority Relating to its Natural Gas Operations in the Joplin Missouri area.

2. In its June 16 Order Setting Deadline for Intervention, the Commission ordered Staff to file its Response to MGE's Application.

3. Staff will investigate these claims and make its Recommendation to the Commission as soon as possible, but in any event, will report to the Commission on its progress no later than July 22. If Staff is able to file a Recommendation on or before July 22, it will do so. If not, Staff will notify the Commission of the progress of its investigation.

WHEREFORE Staff states it needs sufficient time to investigate in order to make an informed recommendation to the Commission and will file its Recommendation as soon as it has sufficient information, but will report to the Commission on its progress no later than July 22. Staff requests the Commission accept this filing in satisfaction of its June 16 Order.

Respectfully submitted,

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