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

In the Matter of:	)	
Missouri Gas Energy's	)	Case No.
Natural Gas Annual Report.	)	

## APPLICATION TO EXTEND TIME FOR FILING OF ANNUAL REPORT

COMES NOW Missouri Gas Energy, a division of Southern Union Company (the "MGE"), and, in accordance with Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission") Rules 4 CSR 240-2.060 and 4 CSR 240-3.245, requests an extension to prepare and file its Gas Annual Report ("Annual Report"). In support thereof, the Company states as follows:

- 1. MGE is a division of Southern Union Company which is duly incorporated under the laws of the State of Delaware and conducts business in Missouri under the fictitious name of Missouri Gas Energy. MGE's principal office and place of business is located at 3420 Broadway, Kansas City, Missouri 64111. A copy of a certificate from the Missouri Secretary of State that Southern Union Company is authorized to do business in Missouri as a foreign corporation was submitted in Case No. GM-2003-0238, and is incorporated herein by reference. A copy of a certificate from the Missouri Secretary of State that Missouri Gas Energy is a registered fictitious name of Southern Union Company was submitted in Case No. GM-2003-0238, and is incorporated herein by reference.
- 2. Other than cases that have been docketed at the Commission, MGE has no pending action or final unsatisfied judgments against it from any state or federal agency or court within the past three (3) years that involve customer service. MGE has no annual report or assessment fees that are overdue. MGE currently conducts business as a "gas corporation" and

provides natural gas service to approximately 500,000 customers in the Missouri counties of Andrew, Barry, Barton, Bates, Buchanan, Carroll, Cass, Cedar, Christian, Clay, Clinton, Dade, Dekalb, Greene, Henry, Howard, Jackson, Jasper, Johnson, Lafayette, Lawrence, McDonald, Moniteau, Pettis, Platte, Ray, Saline, Stone, and Vernon, subject to the jurisdiction of the Missouri Public Service Commission as provided by law.

- 3. MGE's activities are the primary focus of the following open cases pending before the Commission: GR-2003-0330, GR-2006-0066, GR-2005-0104 and GR-2001-382.
- 4. MGE previously requested an extension of its annual report filing from April 15, 2006, to May 15, 2006, based upon delays associated with the completion of MGE's annual audit. The Commission acknowledged that extension by electronic mail on March 31, 2006.
- 5. MGE continues to experience delays with the completion of its annual audit and the completion of its Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) Form 2, which constitutes the biggest part of the Gas Annual Report. These delays are due to logistical challenges associated with the relocation of the corporate reporting function to Houston in the fourth quarter of 2005.
- 6. Completion of the Missouri Gas Annual Report is not possible until MGE has completed both the annual audit and the FERC Form 2. It now appears that these processes will not be completed until approximately June 15, 2006.
- 7. MGE believes that its Annual Report can then be filed with the Commission by June 30, 2006.

WHEREFORE, for the good cause shown above, MGE requests the Commission to grant its Application to Extend Time for Filing of Annual Report, and allow MGE until June 30, 2006, to file its Gas Annual Report.

Respectfully submitted,

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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

The undersigned certifies that a true and correct copy of the foregoing document was sent by electronic mail or hand-delivered on April <u>10</u>, 2006, to the following:

Office of the General Counsel Missouri Public Service Commission Governor Office Building P.O. Box 360 Jefferson City, MO 65102-0360 Office of the Public Counsel Governor Office Building, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor P.O. Box 7800 Jefferson City, MO 65102-7800

And to all other parties of record in pending cases before the Commission where MGE's activities are the primary focus of the proceedings by electronic mail of U.S. Mail, postage prepaid (GR-2003-0330, GR-2006-0066, GR-2005-0104 and GR-2001-392).

## **VERIFICATION**

STATE OF MISSOURI ) ss
COUNTY OF(ACKSON ) ss
I, Michael R. Noack, state that I am employed by Missouri Gas Energy, a Division of Southern Union Company ("MGE") as Director of Pricing; that I have read the above and foregoing document; that the statements contained therein are true and correct to the best of my information, knowledge and belief; and, that I am authorized to make this statement on behalf of MGE.  Michael R. Noack
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 10 th day of April, 2006.
Notary Public Kim W. Henzi
My Commission Expires:

Feb. 3, 2007 (SEAL)

Kim W. Henzi Notary Public - Notary Seal State of Missouri Jackson County My Commission Expires Feb. 3, 2007

