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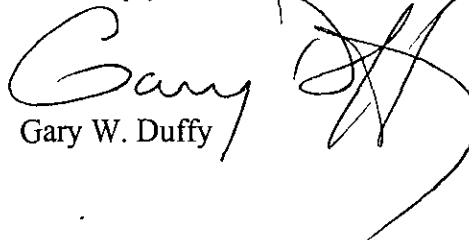
**RE: Case No. GO-2000-624
Missouri Gas Energy**

Dear Mr. Roberts:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced proceeding please find an original and eight copies of a Motion for Protective Order.

If you have any questions, please give me a call.

Sincerely yours,


Gary W. Duffy

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Enclosures

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

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In the matter of the application of Missouri Gas)
Energy, a division of Southern Union Company,)
for the issuance of an accounting authority order)
relating to environmental activities.)

Case No. GO-2000-624

MOTION FOR PROTECTIVE ORDER

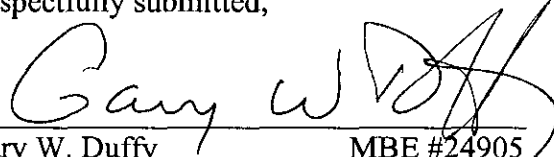
COMES NOW Missouri Gas Energy ("MGE" or "Company"), a division of Southern Union Company ("Southern Union"), and pursuant to 4 CSR 240-2.085 moves for the issuance of a protective order in this proceeding. In support thereof, MGE respectfully states as follows:

1. MGE has received data requests from both the Staff of the Commission and the Office of the Public Counsel. In reviewing information in preparation to respond to these data requests, Southern Union has determined that some of the material to be provided in response can be classified as either highly confidential or proprietary.

2. The subject matter of this proceeding is environmental remediation and documents involved with this can involve reports of consultants and strategies involving contracts. Some documents may be involved in future litigation with other parties. Premature or improper disclosure of this material could adversely impact the interests of Southern Union. The material which Southern Union will claim protective status for will not be found in any format in any other public document.

WHEREFORE, MGE moves that the Commission issue its standard form protective order which contains both highly confidential and proprietary classifications.

Respectfully submitted,



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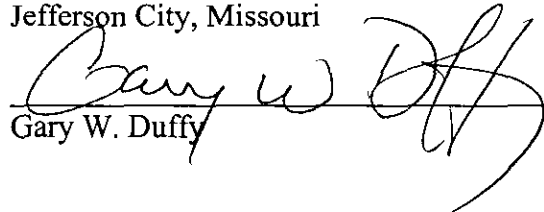
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that the foregoing was served via hand delivery this 12th day of June, 2000, upon:

The Office of the Public Counsel
Truman State Office Building
Jefferson City, Missouri

Office of the General Counsel
Missouri Public Service Commission
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