BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

Troy L. Eckhoff, Sr.,)
Complainant,)
v.) Case No. GC-2005-0008
Missouri Gas Energy, a Division of Southern Union Company,)))
Respondent.)

MGE'S FIRST STATUS REPORT ON MEDIATION

Comes now Missouri Gas Energy, a Division of Southern Union Company

("MGE" or Respondent"), pursuant to the Commission's *Order Regarding Mediation*,
and for its first status report on mediation respectfully states to the Missouri Public

Service Commission (Commission) as follows:

- 1. MGE has made contact with the University of Missouri Columbia Law School's Alternative Dispute Resolution Center (ADR Center) to commence the mediation process. Counsel for MGE has provided a copy of the case file and contact information for the complainant to Professor James Levin, director of the ADR Center. Because the complainant is located in Joplin and the respondent's legal and technical staff is located in Kansas City, counsel has proposed an initial mediation session via teleconference. The ADR Center has agreed to contact the complainant and determine whether the complainant is willing to mediate through the ADR Center.
- 2. The date, time, and location for the first mediation session have not yet been finalized.

3. MGE will notify the Commission immediately once the first mediation session has been scheduled and include all pertinent information, including the date, time, and location where the sessions are to occur.

WHEREFORE, MGE respectfully requests that the Commission accept this first status report on mediation.

Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that on the 24th day of September, 2004, a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing *First Status Report on Mediation* was sent by U.S. Mail, postage prepaid, or electronic mail to the following parties:

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