# DEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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

) Case No. GR-2009-0355
Increase for Natural Gas Service

) Tariff No. YG-2009-0714

## REQUEST FOR ORDER ESTABLISHING TRUE-UP

Comes now Missouri Gas Energy (MGE or Company), a division of Southern Union Company, and, as its request that the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission) issue its order establishing the true-up period in this case, states as follows:

- 1. The Commission's Suspension Order and Notice, dated April 6, 2009, directed MGE to file by April 20, 2009, a pleading stating its recommendation concerning the proper test year for use in this case and any request MGE may have for a true-up audit and hearing. MGE timely filed its recommendation and request for a true-up audit and hearing through September 30, 2009.
- 2. Both the Staff of the Commission (Staff) and the Office of the Public Counsel (Public Counsel) indicated in response to MGE's request for true-up that they would inform the Commission as to their position on the true-up request as part of the direct testimony to be filed in this case.
- 3. In its Order Setting Procedural Scheduled issued May 27, 2009, the Commission reserved the following dates for a true-up audit and hearing:

True-up Direct – all parties – November 24, 2009

True-up Rebuttal – all parties – December 3, 2009

True-up Hearing

December 8-9, 2009 8:30 a.m.

True-Up Briefs

December 31, 2009

- 4. The direct testimony referred to in the Staff and Public Counsel responses has since been filed. Staff's testimony supports MGE's request for a true-up through September 30, 2009. Staff Report Cost of Service, p. 2-4; Oligschlaeger Dir., p. 6. No party has opposed, in testimony or pleading, MGE's request that the case be trued-up through September 30, 2009.
- 5. Staff recommends that the following components of MGE's revenue requirement be trued-up as of September 30, 2009:

#### **RATE BASE:**

Plant in service
Depreciation reserve
Deferred taxes
Related cash working capital effects.
Materials and supplies
Prepayments
Customer deposits
Customer advance for construction
Gas inventory
Prepaid pension asset and pension tracker assets

#### **CAPITAL STRUCTURE:**

Rate of Return Capital Structure

#### **INCOME STATEMENT:**

Revenues for customer growth
Payroll - employee levels and wage rates
Rate case expense
Bad debt expense
Depreciation and amortization expense
Related income tax effects
Pensions and OPEBs
Injuries and damages

6. MGE finds this list of items for true-up to be acceptable and asks that the Commission issue its order establishing that a true-up audit and hearing concerning the above-referenced items through September 30, 2009, be conducted utilizing the previously reserved true-up schedule.

WHEREFORE, MGE respectfully requests the Commission adopt the abovedescribed true-up for the captioned proceeding.

Respectfully submitted,

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### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I do hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing document has been sent by electronic mail this 12<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2009, to:

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