

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
JEFFERSON CITY
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CASE NO: GR-2000-425

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Enclosed find certified copy of an ORDER in the above-numbered case(s).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dale Hardy Roberts". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

**Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge**

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the matter of Missouri Gas Energy's Purchased)
Gas Adjustment factors to be reviewed in its) Case No. GR-2000-425
1999-2000 Actual Cost Adjustment.)

ORDER GRANTING ONE-TIME WAIVER REQUEST AND INTERIM RATES

Missouri Gas Energy (MGE or Company), a division of Southern Union Company, of Kansas City, Missouri, filed a tariff sheet with the Commission on July 14, 2000, carrying an effective date of August 1, 2000. The tariff sheet was filed to reflect an unscheduled change in MGE's Purchased Gas Adjustment (PGA) factor as the result of a change in the estimated cost of natural gas for the remainder of the summer season. The summer season includes the months of April through October.

The net effect of this change will increase the firm PGA factor from \$0.39038 to \$0.53599 per Ccf for the remainder of the summer season.

In conjunction with this tariff sheet, the Company filed MISSOURI GAS ENERGY'S MOTION FOR WAIVER TO MAKE AN UNSCHEDULED SUMMER PURCHASED GAS ADJUSTMENT FILING (Motion). The Motion seeks a one-time waiver from the PGA Clause of MGE's tariff due to escalations in the market price of gas since its scheduled summer PGA filing.

The Missouri Public Service Commission Staff (Staff) filed a memorandum which recommended that MGE's Motion filed on July 14, 2000, be granted and that the tariff sheet submitted on July 14, 2000, be approved, interim subject to refund, pending final Commission decisions in MGE's ACA Case Nos. GR-98-167, GR-99-304, and GR-2000-425.

The Commission has reviewed the Motion, the tariff sheet and Staff's recommendation, and finds that the Request should be granted. After considering Staff's recommendation, and for good cause shown pursuant to Section 393.140(11), RSMo 1994, the Commission is of the opinion that the proposed tariff sheet should be approved to become effective on and after the requested effective date of August 1, 2000, interim subject to refund.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the Motion submitted on July 14, 2000, by Missouri Gas Energy, a division of Southern Union Company, of Kansas City, Missouri, for the purpose of requesting a one-time waiver from its current PGA clause to allow an unscheduled summer PGA filing be, and it is, hereby granted.

2. That the tariff sheet submitted on July 14, 2000, by Missouri Gas Energy, a division of Southern Union Company, of Kansas City, Missouri, for the purpose of reflecting changes in rates for natural gas be, and it is, hereby approved to become effective on and after August 1, 2000, interim subject to refund. The tariff sheet approved is:

P.S.C. MO. No.1

Fifteenth Revised SHEET No. 24.7 Canceling Fourteenth SHEET No. 24.7

3. That this order shall become effective on August 1, 2000.

BY THE COMMISSION



Dale Hardy Roberts

Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

(S E A L)

Vicky Ruth, Regulatory Law Judge,
by delegation of authority pursuant to
4 CSR 240-2.120(1) (November 30, 1995)
and Section 386.240, RSMo 1994.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 31st day of July, 2000.

FYI: To Be Issued By Delegation

ALJ/Sec'y: Ruth

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Simmons, Commissioner

STATE OF MISSOURI
OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

I have compared the preceding copy with the original on file in this office and

I do hereby certify the same to be a true copy therefrom and the whole thereof.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the Public Service Commission, at Jefferson City,
Missouri, this 31st day of July 2000.

Dale Hardy Roberts

Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

