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UTILITY OPERATIONS DIVISION

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OF

JAMES DUDLEY

Missouri Public Service Commission

COMPLAINTANT

CASE NO. GC-2004-0216

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1.		SURREBUTTAL TESTIMONY
2.		OF
3.		JAMES DUDLEY
4.		CASE NO. GC-2004-0216
5.	Q.	Please state your name and address.
6.	A.	James Dudley, 4247 Agnes, K.C. MO 64130.
7.	Q.	Are you the same James Dudley that filed this complaint?
8.	A.	Yes, I am
9.	Q.	What is your complaint with the PSC and MGE?
10.	A.	My complaint is that MGE (Respondent) disconnected the Complainant's gas
11.		Service while \$2,510.00 was in dispute.
12.	Q.	When was the \$2,510.00 disputed?
13.	A.	On July 12, 18, 24, of 2002.
14.	Q.	Whom did you dispute the \$2,510.00 bill with?
15.	A.	The 1 st person I talked with was Wanda Bussey, who works for MGE and
16.	2nd c	contact was with PSC on July 18 th of 2002, 3 rd again was with Wanda Bussey
17.		on July 24, 2002.
18.	Q.	When was the gas service disconnected?
19.	A.	On July 30, 2002.
20.	Q.	The gas service at 4231 Tracy, should that service been disconnected at that time?
21.	A.	No
22.	Q.	Why
23.	A.	Because CSR 4240-13045 #1 and 8.01 states that if a bill is in a dispute

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1.	Q.	Did you notify MGE within 24hr.
2.	А.	Yes, on the 12 th and the 24 th of July of 2002.
3.	Q.	When was the gas service disconnected?
4.	А.	On July 30, 2002.
5.	Q.	Was your gas service disconnected for \$104.00?
6.	А.	No
7.	Q.	How do you know that?
8.	А.	I never received a disconnect notice for \$104.00 or \$305.00 at 4231 Tracy.
9.	Q.	Do you have any exhibits to this claim.
10.	А.	Yes
11.	Q.	What are they?
12.	A.	Exhibit A
13.	Q.	Whom did you notify about this dispute?
14.	A.	First, I notified Wanda Bussey, who works for MGE (Respondent) on the 15th of
15.		July, 2002 and the PSC on July 18 th 2002 and Wanda Bussey again on July
16.		24, 2002 about the \$2,510.00 bill.
17.	Q.	Have you studied Rule 4 CSR240-13.045, CSR 4240-13.050 and MGE
18.		Tariff Section 8.01, 8.06 and 8.08?
19.	A.	Yes
20.	Q.	How does those rules apply in this case?
21.	A.	When Mr. Dudley (Complainant) called MGE and disputed that bill of \$2510.00
22.		with Wanda Bussey on July 12 th , and 24 th of 2002 service should not have been

1.		disconnected on the 30 th of July 2002.
2.	Q.	What is the disputed amount of this complaint?
3.	A.	The amount of \$2,510.00 that was sent to Mr. Dudley (Complainant's) home at
4.	4231 Tra	acy on July 10, 2002, which is attached to my Surrebuttal Testimony Schedule I
5.	Q.	When did \$104.00, \$305.00 become an issue to you?
6.	А.	The \$104.00 and \$305.00 became an issue after Discovery was done.
7.	Q.	Did you receive a bill from MGE for the amount of \$305.00?
8.	А.	No
9.	Q.	Was the \$104.00, \$305.00 and \$2099.00 sent separately?
10.	A.	No, they where sent all together in one bill.
11.	Q.	Did you know how much your bill was on June 24, of 2002?
12.	A.	No
13.	Q.	I might have asked you this but let me make sure what this complaint is about.
14.	А.	It's about MGE turning off Complainant's gas service while the bill was in
15.		dispute \$2,510.00 which Mr. Dudley did not owe.
16.	Q.	Did you know where the \$2,510.00 amount came from at the time you received
17.		that bill from MGE?
18.	А.	No
19.	Q.	Was the \$104.00, \$305.00 and \$2,099.00 in dispute?
20.	A.	Yes, because it was all put on the same bill, which was the \$2,510.00 bill that was
21.		sent to my home from MGE. (See Schedule 1 & 2, page 2)
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1.	Q.	Was the gas service ever disconnected for \$305.00?
2.	А.	No
3.	Q.	How do you know?
4.	A.	By these documents:
5.		Schedule 5, Utility Recovery dated August 19, 2002.
6.		Schedule 6, Payment Demand dated August 15, 2003.
7.		Schedule 7, Notice of Credit Bureau Reporting dated September 5, 2003.
8.		Schedule 8, Notice of Credit Bureau Reporting dated November 11, 2002.
9.		Schedule 9, November 6, 2002, billing for 4231 Tracy
10.		Schedule 10, Missouri Gas Motion for Summary Judgment-pg 3 #14, 15, 16 and
11.		pg 7 #15, 16, 17, 18.
12.	Q.	Was there any mention of the gas service being disconnected for \$305 and \$300?
13.	А.	No
14.	Q.	How do you know?
15.	A.	By these documents: Schedule 11, Suggestion in Support of MGE
16.		Motion for Summary Judgment-page 1, line 3 and page 3, line 1-6.
17.		Schedule 12, Suggestions in opposition to Plaintiff's Motion for Summary
18.		Judgment, page 1
19.		Introduction line 5, page #29, 2, 3 and 4
20.		Page 5, under Argument lines 8-20.
21.		Schedule 13, 4231 Tracy Account Analysis page B, June 25, 2002 February 19,
22.		2003.

1.	Q.	Was you past due for \$300 or \$305?
2.	A.	No
3.	Q.	How do you know?
4.	A.	Schedule 13, April 11, 2002 was \$300.27 on May 6, 2002. \$100 was paid on that
5.		bill.
6.	Q.	Was you past due on the \$305?
7.	A.	No
8.	Q.	How do you know that?
9.	A.	First I never received a bill for \$305. Second I never received a disconnect notice
10.		for \$305.00, third if I did have a bill in July it would have to have been after July
11.		the 24 th of 2002 because the bill was disputed for the \$2,510 in July the 12 th , the
12.		18^{th} and the 24^{th} of 2002, that bill would not have been past due because it was
13.		not 21 days over due.
14.	Q.	Why do you believe that MGE failed to follow these rules; 1. CSR 240-13.045,
15.		2. CSR240-13.050 or 3. MGE 8.01
16.	A CS	R-240-13.045 states: (#1) A dispute must be registered with the utility at least
17.	twen	ty-four (24) hours prior the date of proposed discontinuance for a customer to
18.	avoi	d discontinuance of service as provided by these rules.
19.		
20.	Compl	ainants had registered with the gas utility within 24 hours. Complainants spoke
21.	with R	espondent on July 15 and 24 th of 2002. Complainant's gas service was
22.	discon	nected on July 30, 2002

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1.	and	we know that Mr. Dudley spoke with Wanda Bussey on the 12 th and 24 th of July and							
.2.	the PSC on the 18 th of July of 2002. Schedule 14, July 24, 2002.								
3.	8.01 Complaint and Disputed Claims: When a customer advises the company prior								
4.	to the	date of proposed discontinuance of service that all or any part of							
5.	any bi	lling rendered is in dispute the company shall:							
6.	A disp	oute must be registered with the utility at least twenty-four (24) hours prior the date							
7.	of pro	posed discontinuance for a customer to avoid discontinuance of service as provided							
8.	by the	ese rules.							
9.	Q.	At sometime did the PSC tell MGE to stop all collection proceedings?							
10.	A.	Yes, in Schedule 4, page 11							
11.	Q.	Did it come a time when you found out that the \$104 and the \$305 was your bill?							
12.	А.	Yes							
13.	Q.	Is that why you referred to the \$2,099 more than the \$2,510?							
14.	A.	Yes							
15.	Q.	When you found out that you owed the \$104 and the \$305 did you dispute those							
16.		amounts?							
17.	А.	No							
18.	Q.	What amount are you disputing?							
19.	А.	The \$2,510 that was sent to me at 4231 Tracy on July 10 th of 2002.							
20.	Q.	If MGE would have just transferred the \$104 and applied it to the \$305, would							
21.		you have disputed that bill of \$409?							
22.	А.	No							
. 23.	Q.	When you received that bill for \$2510 did you know that all those bills were							

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1.		combined?
2.	A.	No, I did not know where that amount came from.
3.	Q.	So as time went on you became aware of the \$104 and the \$305.
4.	A.	Yes
5.	Q.	How did you become aware of the \$104 and the \$305?
6.	A.	Through Discovery.
7.	Q.	What is your main complaint?
8.	A.	Disconnecting the gas service while the \$2510 was being disputed.
9.	Q.	Let me ask you one more time, did you receive a bill for \$305, \$300, \$104 or a
10.		disconnect notice for these amounts?
11.	A.	No, never.
12.	Q.	Did anyone tell you that your gas service would be disconnected for \$305, \$104
13.		or \$300?
14.	A.	No
15.	Q.	Did you receive a bill for \$2,510?
16.	A.	Yes
17.	Q.	And that's what you are disputing?
18.	А.	Yes
19.	Q.	Is there anything else that you are asking the commission to do?
20.	A.	Yes
21.	Q.	What is that?
22.	A.	Order MGE to remove the \$2,000 and what ever charges that don't belong there
23.		be removed from my credit report in Schedule 5,6,7 and 8.
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1.	Q.	Does any of these credit reports show that you owe \$300, \$305, or \$104?
2.	. A.	No
3.	Q.	Do they show the \$2510 or more?
4.	A.	Yes
5.	Q.	Were you a customer of MGE from September 26, 2000 to April 26, 2001?
6.	A.	No
7.	Q.	Did you live at 4024 Prospect at anytime?
8.	A.	No
9.	Q.	Did you benefit from MGE gas service at 4024 Prospect from September 26, 2000
10.		to April 15, 2001?
11.	A.	No
12.	Q.	Who did?
13.	A.	Sarah Chappelow
14.	Q.	How do you know?
15.	A.	In Schedule 12, page 4 #2, 3, or 20, 21, in their Motion in Opposition to
16.		Plaintiff's Motion for Summary Judgment.
17.	Q.	Do you agree with PSC staff on the transfer issue from Staff Recommendation
18.		Report?
19.	A.	Yes
20.	Q.	Do you agree with PSC Staff on their Rebuttal Testimony?
21.	A.	No
22.	Q.	Again, what is the main complaint you are making?
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- A. That MGE disconnected the gas service while the \$2510 bill from July 10, 2002
 was in dispute and not following the rules that govern disputes which is CSR
 4240-13.045, 8.01 and CSR 4 240-13.050
- 4. O Was any of these property 3514 Bales, 3312 Moulton added in with \$ 2,510 that
 5. you are disputing
- 6. A No.

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- 7. O When did 3312 Moulton and 3514 Bales became a issue
- 8. A. Sept 23, 2002
- 9. O. Does this conclude your Surrebuttal Testimony
- 10. A. Yes

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16. THE FIRST COMPLAINT LETTER FROM JAMES DUDLEY TO THE PSC

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Schedule 2

Mr. James Dudley 4231 Tracy Ave. Kansas City, MO 64110

Dear Mr. Dudley:

Commissioners

CONSIE MURRAYC

SUERA GLAPE

STEVE GAV

BRYAN FORBIS

KELVIN L. SIMMO

This is a follow-up letter in response to our phone conversation of
 August 14, 2002. You indicated in your complaint against Missouri Gas
 Energy (Company) that the Company has transferred a bill to your

y current account at 4231 Tracy that you do not owe.

51 I forwarded your complaint to MGE and received the following information: On May 1, 2001they have requested proof that you were not living at this address during the following dates. They are holding you responsible because credit checks link your name to the address. I q understand that you own the property and that you claim that all your paperwork was stolen, but it would be you responsibility to provide proof the Company to dispute this bill.

12 According to a Company representative, the following amounts have 13 been transferred to your account from 4024 Prospect:

> 9/25/00 to 4/27/01, amount \$2,099.96 7/16/01 to 4/17/02, amount \$ 104.63 Amount due: \$2,204.59

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The Company representative stated that in order to turn on service at this location they would accept a \$1,000 initial payment with an agreement to pay the remaining balance.

4 The Company will not remove the transfer amounts from your current 5 account unless you provide sufficient proof that you did not benefit 6 from gas service at this location during the dates listed above. The 7 Company tariffs on file and approved by the Commission have a Prior 8 Indebtedness section, which would apply to your case. I have enclosed 6 a copy for your file.

O Unfortunately, I will be unable to aid you further in this matter. If you il are unable to pay on your account, you may want to seek assistance. I phave enclosed an energy assistance flyer for your review.

> Sincerely, GUACY/ honberger Tracy Leonberger

Tracy Leonberger \bigcirc Consumer Services Specialist

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

James Dudley,

V. Missouri Gas Energy Complaint, Respondent.

Case No. GC-2004-0216

RESPONSE TO STAFF RECOMMENDATION ACTION

) On November 7, 2003, I James Dudley filed a complaint with Missouri Public Service

2 Commission (Commission) against Missouri Gas Energy (MGE). On November 13, 2003 I

3 filed another claim with the Commission, these 2 claims has been consolidated into Case No.

L(GC-2004-0216.

Mr. Dudley filed a complaint because MGE turned off gas service to his home while the bill for
\$2,510.00 was being disputed. Mr. Dudley notified MGE on the 15 of July of 2002 notified the
Commission on the 20th of July of 2002 and spoke Mrs. Bussey an MGE staff member on July
\$24, 2002. Mr. Dudley 's gas service at 4231 Tracy was turned off on July 24th, while the bill was
being disputed. Section 8. 8.01-8.08 and 4 CSR-240-13.045 #1.

// Mr. Dudley has received the Staff Recommendation from the Commission; Mr. Dudley is
 // concerned because one part of the complaint has been answered, which was the transferring of
 12 the bill from 4024 Prospect. Not whether MGE was in violation of these rules 8.01, 8.08 and 4

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Tracy F. LeonbergerStGovernor Office BuildingPull200 Madison Street, Suite 800PullP.O. Box 360ControlJefferson City, MO 65102-0360Control(573) 526-5568, Dept. FAX (573) 526-1500Personal E-FAX (443) 227-2262 or

State of Missouri Public Service Commission Consumer Services

Fax transmittal

E-mail address: tleonber@mail.state.mo.us

To:	Shirley	Bolden @) MGE		Fax: (818) 360-5764		
From:	Tracy I	eonberge	er,		Date: Tuesday, July 30, 2002		
Re:	Consun	aer Servic	es Spe	cialist		•	
	Dudley, James /			•	Pages: 11 Including cover sheet		
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Note: New complaint. Please contact the customer and provide me with a company response. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Important Notice to all our regulatory contacts:

The Missouri Public Service Commission Staff has noticed a decline in the quality of the information being reported to the Commission by Utilities. In order to address this problem, please include a minimum of at least the following information on all complaints:

- 1. Explain the problem
- 2. Explain the cause of the problem

- 3. What was done to correct the problem
- 4. Please state the date the customer was contacted by the company and a brief summary describing the contact. If the complaint was handled via letter, please provide Staff with a copy of the letter.
- 5. If the complaint involves an allegation of an unauthorized carrier change (slamming), a copy of the LOA (and/or verification tape) must be included.

We will no long accept any reports containing less then the above-stated items, so please include the information in your report to avoid Staff having to re-contact the Utility. Thank you for your cooperation.

Schedul 4

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Missouri Public Service Commission Consumer Complaint-Inquiry

Complaint	New
Complaint/Inquiry No.	C200
Mode of Receipt	Mail
Service Type	Resid
Utility Type	Gas
Utility Company Name	Souti
Priority	Imme
Complaint Issue	Billin
Complaint Sub Issue	Dispu
Consumer's Account No.	48273
Additional Name	N/A

C200301228 Mall Residential Gas Southern Union Company mmediate Response Needed Billing Disputed Bill 4827397879

Account Name			Reporting Party		
First Name	Jam	03	First Name	N/A	
Middle Initial N/A			Middle Initial	N/A.	
Last Name	Dud	ley	Last Name	N/A	
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513 526 1300 r. 00 IN LARTY SERVICE COULD JUL-38-2882 13.18 SHEILI LUMPE, CHURMAN. Public Service COM. P.O. BOX BGO JEFRERSONCITY, NO 65102 Better Buisness Bareau 7/18/03 80.80 Wand Pt wil KC-mo-Lyny Subject! MQ. 645 Company To whom it may concern: My names is James Dudley I live at '4231 Tracy KC MO. Jam writing you in requard to a gas bill For 2,204.59 That dont be I rented a house at 4024 Prospect To a lady at the time who turn aut to be a Furadevient person. I think her name was Dame, lam not Sure beause it's been a while ago and I told them that I didn't remeber at that time. I was not a ware of the contact with the gas company untill they bill me for here

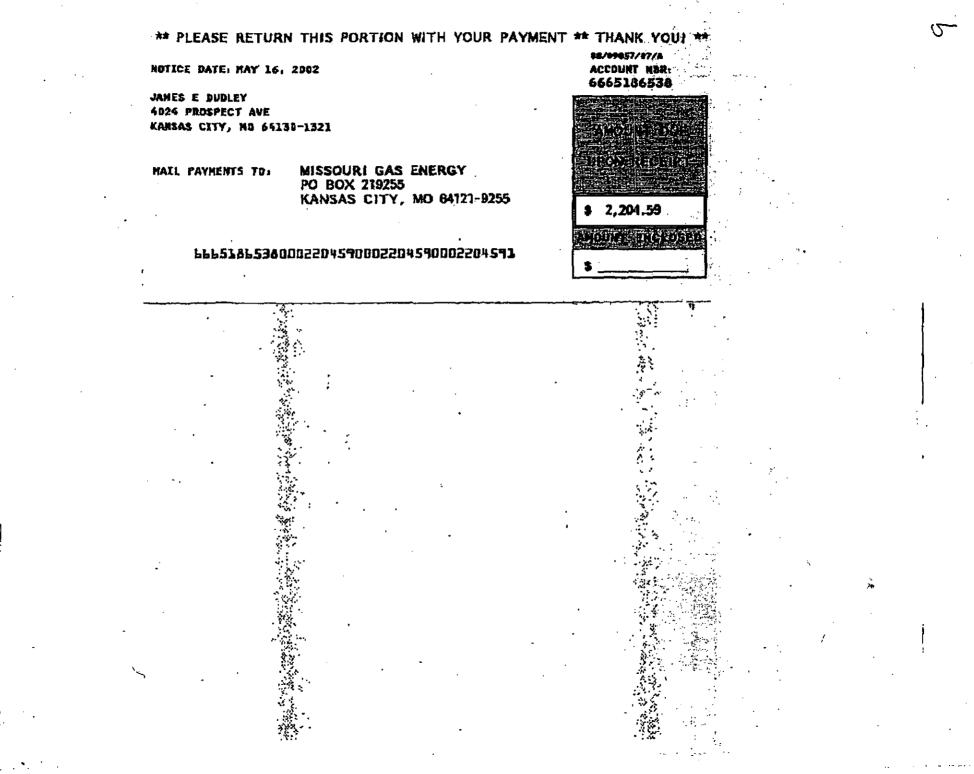
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even told them that they ould have made since Sure who they were turning the gas on For and not try too make me pay For they did. They know I need gas For my home, they are trying to Force me to pay and that's not right. have gus in my name in houses and I dont need For to put gas in any one elses name. I don't use other people name for my Bills. hey have put it on me at Prospect and now they are on 1231 Tracy now Without this matter being resolved through the Gas company I have no choice, but to seek help through the Better Business I hope that you will be reau.

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Please help me to resolve this matter I am at a dead end trying to get them to remove this from under my name. Please response back as soon as possible concerning this matter. Thankyou dery much James Puelley onytime 682-1689 4231 Trucy KC Ma 64110 Enclosed is copyes OF the Bills they are hulding me accountable For



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AUGUST 19, 2002

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JAMES E DUDLEY 4231 TRACY AVE KANSAS CITY, MO 64110

ACCOUNT NUMBER 4827397879

THIS LETTER CONCERNS THE SERIOUS MATTER OF YOUR OVERDUE BILL WITH:

MISSOURI GAS ENERGY AMOUNT OWED: \$2,546,42 SERVICE ADDRESS: 4231 TRACY AVE

YOUR ACCOUNT HAS BEEN FORWARDED TO US FOR COLLECTION OF THE OVERDUE BILL.

FAILURE TO PAY THIS BILL IN FULL OR MAKE SATISFACTORY ARRANGEMENTS WITH OUR CLIENT MAY RESULT IN:

> 1. THE UNPAID BILL BEING REPORTED TO A NATIONAL CREDIT REPORTING BUREAU.

2. A LAWSUIT BEING FILED.

TO KEEP THIS OFF YOUR CREDIT HISTORY, PLEASE PAY IN FULL OR MAKE OTHER ARRANGEMENTS BY CONTACTING:

MISSOURI GAS ENERGY (816) 756-5252 BEFORE: AUGUST 31, 2002

PLEASE RETURN[®] THIS LETTER WITH YOUR PAYMENT.

ACCOUNT NUMBER 4827397879

PAYABLE TO:

UTILITY RECOVERY SERVICES PO BOX 219255 KANSAS CITY, MO 64121-9255 6000 MARTWAY ST SHAWNEE MISSION, KS 66202-3339

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

DATE: 8/15/2003 TELEPHONE: 913-362-3950

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CREDIT WORLD SERVICES, INC 6000 MARTWAY ST SHAWNEE MISSION, KS 66202-3339

*** PAYMENT DEMAND

YOUR ACCOUNT WITH MISSOURI GAS ENERGY HAS BEEN PLACED WITH CREDIT WORLD FOR COLLECTIONS AND REQUIRES YOUR ATTENTION.

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PLEASE CALL 913-362-3950 TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS OR REMIT THE BALANCE IN FULL IN THE ENCLOSED ENVELOPE. ALL CHECKS SHOULD BE MADE PAYABLE TO MISSOURI GAS ENERGY AND MAILED TO CREDIT WORLD TO ENSURE PROPER CREDIT. FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE VISA AND MASTERCARD WILL BE ACCEPTED. FOR FURTHER DETAILS CALL 913-362-3950.

THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. UNLESS YOU NOTIFY THIS OFFICE WITHIN 30 DAYS AFTER RECEIVING THIS NOTICE THAT YOU DISPUTE THE VALIDITY OF THE DEBT OR ANY PORTION THEREOF, THIS OFFICE WILL ASSUME THIS DEBT IS VALID. IF YOU NOTIFY THIS OFFICE IN WRITING WITHIN 30 DAYS FROM RECEIVING THIS NOTICE, THIS OFFICE WILL: OBTAIN VERIFICATION OF THE DEBT OR OBTAIN A COPY OF A JUDEMENT, IF ANY, AND MAIL YOU A COPY OF SUCH JUDGEMENT OR VERIFICATION? IF YOU REQUEST THIS OFFICE IN WRITING WITHIN 30 DAYS AFTER RECEIVING THIS NOTICE, THIS OFFICE WILL PROVIDE YOU WITH THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE ORIGINAL CREDITOR, IF DIFFERENT FROM THE CURRENT CREDITOR.

SINCERELY CREDIT WORLD SERVICES, INC. A FULL SERVICE DEBT COLLECTION AGENCY

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6000 MARTWAY ST SHAWNEE MISSION, KS 66202-3339

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CREDIT WORLD SERVICES, INC 6000 MARTWAY ST SHAWNEE MISSION, KS 66202-3339

NOTICE OF CREDIT BUREAU REPORTING

THIS LETTER IS TO NOTIFY YOU THAT THE ABOVE ACCOUNT WILL BE REPORTED TO A CREDIT BUREAU IF YOUR ACCOUNT IS NOT RESOLVED WITHIN THIS MONTH.

A SIGNIFICANT PAYMENT AND POSITIVE ARRANGEMENTS MUST BE MADE WITHIN THIS MONTH TO STOP THIS CREDIT BUREAU REPORTING. PLEASE CALL TOLL FREE 1-800-844-4084 FOR DETAILS.

TO ASSIST YOU IN MEETING YOUR FINANCIAL OBLIGATION WE WILL ACCEPT A POSTDATED CHECK DATED NO LATER THAN 30 DAYS FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE. THE POSTDATED CHECK MUST REACH OUR OFFICE BY THE LAST DAY OF THIS MONTH TO STOP THIS CREDIT BUREAU REPORTING. PLEASE CALL TOLL FREE 1-800-844-4084 FOR FURTHER EXPLANATION.

****IN ACCORDANCE WITH FEDERAL LAW, WE WILL NOTIFY YOU IN WRITING, PRIOR TO DEPOSITING YOUR POSTDATED CHECK***

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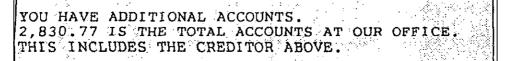
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MGES MISSQURI GAS ENERGY a division of Southern Union Company QUESTIONS? CALL: (816)-756-5252 P.O. BOX 219255 KANSAS CITY, MO 64121-9255 FOR SERVICE LOCATED AT: 4231 TRACY AVE KANSAS CITY, MO 64110-1243

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JAMES E DUDLEY 4231 TRACY AVE KANSAS CITY, MO 64110-1243

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If BALANCE FORWARD has been paid, please subtract that amount from the AMOUNT DUE when you make your next payment.

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* * * PLEASE RETURN THIS PORTION WITH YOUR PAYMENT * * THANK YOU! * * *

STATEMENT DATE: NOV 6, 2002

JAMES E DUDLEY 4231 TRACY AVE Kansas City, Mo 64110-1243

MAIL PAYMENT TO:

MISSOURI GAS ENERGY PO BOX 219255 KANSAS CITY, MO 64121-9255

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N THE CIRCUIT COURT OF JACKSON COUNTY, MISSOURI

JAMES DUDLEY,

Plaintiff,

SOUTHERN UNION COMPANY, MISSOURI GAS ENERGY, Division

Defendant.

Case No. 02 CV 222965 Division 25

BOX 172

Schedule 10

MISSOURI GAS ENERGY'S MOTION FOR SUMMARY JUDGMENT

COMES NOW Defendant, Southern Union Company, Missouri Gas Energy Company, a
 división, ("MGE"), and pursuant to Rule 74.04, Missouri Rules of Civil Procedure, moves the
 Court to enter summary judgment on its behalf and against plaintiff, James Dudley, as there are
 no genuine issues of material fact, and the uncontroverted facts herein clearly show that defendant
 is entitled to judgment as a matter of law. In support of its motion, defendant sets forth the
 following statement of uncontroverted facts.

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STATEMENT OF UNCONTROVERTED FACTS

9 1. Plaintiff currently resides at 4231 Tracy Ave., Kansas City, Missouri 64110.
9 (Plaintiff's Petition.)

2. Plaintiff owns property located at 4024 Prospect, Kansas City, Missouri. (Id.)
3. On or about April 26, 2002, a delinquency in the amount of \$2,212.59 existed for
gas service at the 4024 Prospect property from September, 2000 through April, 2002. Affidavit
of Wanda Bussey, attached as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by reference.

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Mr. Dudley claims that a tenant, Sara Chappelow, was living at the 4024 Prospect



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property during that time, but he has not provided any proof to MGE that anyone other than himself or his family was living there. Plaintiff's Petition.

Ms. Chappelow has provided documents to MGE, including a signed lease 5. agreement, showing that from May, 2000 through May, 2002, she was residing in Independence, Missouri. Bussey Aff.

3454 6. Plaintiff is delinquent in his payments to MGE for gas service at 4231 Tracy in the amount of \$305.54. Id.

7. Plaintiff is delinquent in his payments to MGE for gas service at 3514 Bales in the 8 G amount of \$250.20. Id.

Plaintiff is delinquent in his payments to MGE for gas service at 3312 Moulton in 1 8. 10 the amount of \$324.15. Id. Jl

Plaintiff does not dispute the amounts owed for the properties at 4231 Tracy, 3514 12 9. Bales and 3312 Moulton. Id. 13

MGE's operations are governed by a tariff on file with the Missouri Public Service 10. 14 Commission. Id.

15 -Section 3.02 of the tariff states that MGE shall not be required to supply gas service 11. to a customer if said customer is indebted to the gas company for service at that or another 16 17 address. Id.

Section 3.07(a) of the tariff states that MGE has the right to discontinue gas service 12. $|\gamma|$ when a customer fails to pay a delinquent charge. Id.

23456 in accordance with these General Terms and Conditions for Gas Service, Company may transfer any unpaid balance to any other residential service account of customer and may discontinue service twenty-one (21) days after rendition of the combined bill, for nonpayment, in accordance with this rule. Id. MGE terminated service to the 4024 Prospect property on April 17, 2002. Id. 14. 7 δ 15. The balance from the 4024 Prospect property was transferred to the 4231 Tracy account on June 25, 2002. Id. G 16. Gas service to the 4231 Tracy property was terminated on July 30, 2002. Id. 10 17. Mr. Dudley did not file a written complaint with the Missouri Public Service ŧŁ Commission. Id. ΓZ 13 18. Plaintiff did not request a rehearing with the Public Service Commission. Id. 14(On October 1st and 2nd, 2002, Mr. Dudley made payments to MGE in the total 19. amount of \$480.00 towards the past due balance on the 4231 Tracy account, and on October 3, 15 2002, MGE restored service to 4231 Tracy. Id. 16 WHEREFORE, for the foregoing reasons, and for the reasons set forth in Defendant's 17 Suggestions in Support of its Motion for Summary Judgment, filed contemporaneously herewith 18

Section 3.07(B) of the tariff states that "[i]n the event of discontinuance or

termination of service at a separate residential metering point, residence or location

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14 and which is incorporated herein by reference, Defendant states that there is no genuine issue of 20 material fact and prays for judgment as a matter of law in its favor and against Plaintiff, and for 21 such other and further relief as this Court deems just.



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Martin M. Montemore Jacqueline L. Mixon 4420 Madison Avenue Kansas City, Missouri 64111 (816) 931-2700 (816) 931-7377 (fax) #26895 #37994

ATTORNEYS FOR DEFENDANT

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

· I hereby certify on this $\underline{1_{p}}$ day of October, 2002, that a copy of the foregoing was mailed to:

Mr. James Dudley 4231 Tracy Kansas City, Missouri 64110

for Defendant

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF JACKSON COUNTY, MISSOURI ASSOCIATE CIRCUIT DIVISION

JAMES	DUDLEY,

VS.

Plaintiff,

SOUTHERN UNION COMPANY, MISSOURI GAS ENERGY, Division

Case No. 02 CV 222965 Division 25

Defendant.

AFFIDAVIT OF WANDA BUSSEY

STATE OF MISSOURI COUNTY OF JACKSON

I, Wanda Bussey, after being duly sworn upon my oath, do state as follows

1. I am Senior Customer Service Representative for Southern Union Company, Missouri Gas Energy, a division ("MGE"), and am authorized to make this affidavit in that capacity. The following facts are based upon my personal knowledge and a review of the business records of MGE kept in the normal and ordinary course of business.

2. Mr. James Dudley appears to reside at 4231 Tracy Ave., Kansas City, Missouri 64110.

3. Mr. Dudley owns property located at 4231 Tracy, 4024 Prospect, 3514 Bales, and 3312 Moulton, all in Kansas City, Missouri.

4. On or about April 26, 2002, a delinquency in the amount of \$2,212.59 existed for gas service at the 4024 Prospect property from September, 2000 through April, 2002.

5. Mr. Dudley told MGE that he did not know the name of the tenant residing at 4024 Prospect during that time that the bill was owed. The service was in the name of Sara Chappelow, who allegedly resided at the 4024 Prospect property during that time. MGE requested that Mr. Dudley provide proof of Ms. Chappelow's occupancy, but he has not provided any proof to MGE that anyone other than himself or his family was living there. 6. Ms. Chappelow has provided documents to MGE, including a signed lease agreement, showing that from May, 2000 through May, 2002, Ms. Chappelow was residing in Independence, Missouri, and not at 4024 Prospect.

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10. Plaintiff does not dispute the amounts owed for the properties at 4231 Tracy, 3514 Bales and 3312 Moulton.

11. MGE's operations are governed by a tariff on file with the Missouri Public Service Commission. Certain portions of this tariff are attached hereto as Exhibit 1 and incorporated herein by reference.

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15. MGE terminated service to the 4024 Prospect property on April 17, 2002.

16. The balance from the 4024 Prospect property was transferred to the 4231 Tracy account on June 25, 2002.

17. MGE notified Mr. Dudley of the balance transfer and requested that Mr. Dudley pay the indebtedness. Mr. Dudley failed to do so.

-18. Gas service to the 4231 Tracy property was terminated on July 30, 2002.

19. Mr. Dudley did not file a written complaint with the Missouri Public Service Commission.

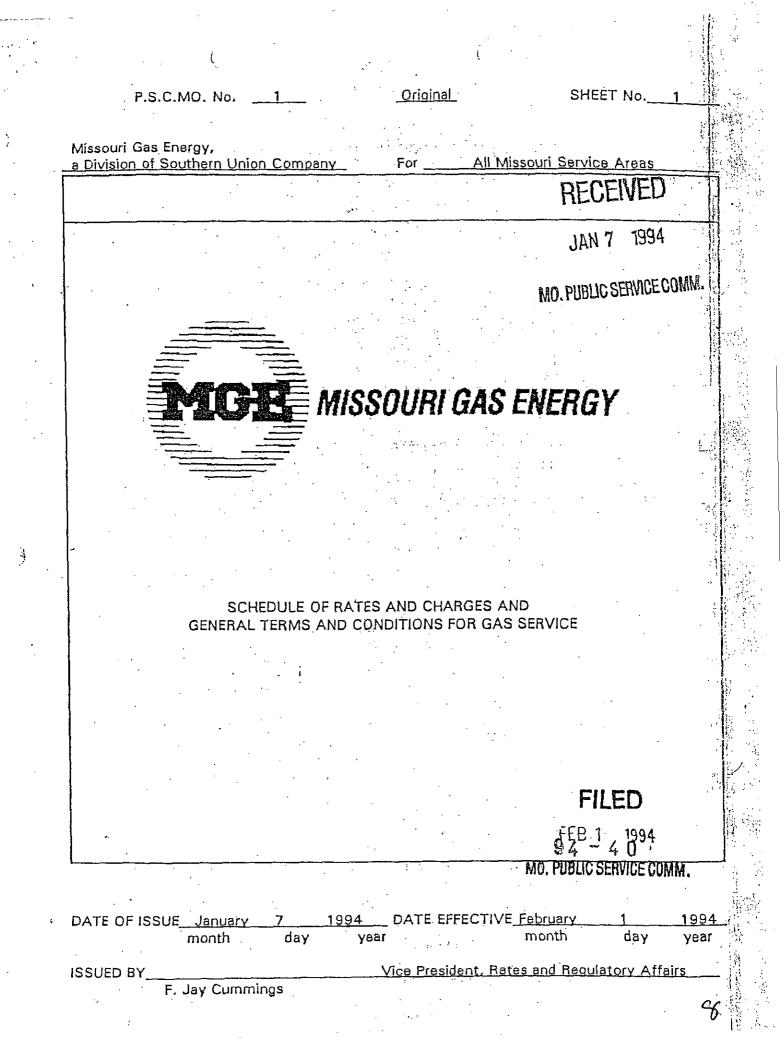
20. Mr. Dudley did not request a rehearing from the Public Service Commission.

21. On October 1st and 2nd, 2002, Mr. Dudley made payments to MGE in the total amount of \$480.00 towards the past due balance on the 4231 Tracy account, and on October 3, 2002, MGE restored service to 4231 Tracy.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NAUGHT.

WANDA BUSSEY

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the day of November, 2002. KIMBERLY D. LAMBERT Notary Public / State of Missouri My Commission Expires May 26, 9413 My Commission Expires May 26, 9413 Notary Public



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Missouri Gas Energy, a Division of Southern Union Company Service Commission For: All Missouri Service Areas

GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR GAS SERVICE

3.06 SUSPENSION OF SERVICE: Company shall have the right to suspend gas service to customer for temporary periods as may be necessary for the inspection, maintenance, alteration, change, health, safety, state of emergency, replacement or repair of gas facilities, or for the preservation or restoration of system operations. In all cases of interruption or suspension of service, Company will make reasonable efforts to restore service without unnecessary delay. No such interruption or suspension of service will relieve customer from charges provided for in customer's service agreement. Company shall not be liable for damages occasioned by suspension of service for said causes. 3.07 DISCONTINUANCE OF SERVICE: Company shall have the right to discontinue gas service to a customer and remove its facilities, or any portion thereof, from customer's premises upon default by customer of any provision of the service agreement. In addition to any other legal remedies, Company reserves the right to refuse to reconnect gas service to any customer until such default shall have been remedied by customer. Any one or more of the following may be considered as a default: (A) Non-payment of an undisputed delinquent charge. (B) Failure to post a security deposit or guarantee acceptable to Company. (C) Unauthorized interference, diversion or use of the gas service situated or delivered on or about customer's premises. (D) Failure to comply with the terms and conditions of a settlement agreement. (E) Refusal after reasonable notice to permit inspection maintenance, replacement or meter reading of utility equipment. If the utility has a reasonable belief that health or safety is at risk, notice at the time inspection is attempted is reasonable. Missouri Public D AUG 0 6 2001 D 1 - 2 9 2

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Missouri Gas Energy, a Division of Southern Union Company

Service Commission For: All Missouri Service Areas

Kansas City.

GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR GAS SERVICE

- (F) Misrepresentation of identity for the purpose of obtaining gas service.
- (G) Violation of any other General Terms and Conditions for Gas Service of Company on file with and approved by the Commission which adversely affects the safety of customer or other persons, or the integrity of Company's delivery system.
- (H) Failure to pay cost of additional service line, or replacement of a customerowned service line or lines as provided for in Sections 3.14 and 3.15 herein.
- (i) As provided by state or federal law.

None of the following shall constitute sufficient cause for Company to discontinue service:

- (A) The failure of customer to pay for merchandise, appliances, or services not subject to Commission jurisdiction as an integral part of the gas provided by Company.
- (B) The failure of customer to pay for concurrent service received at a separate metering point, residence or location. In the event of discontinuance or termination of service at a separate residential metering point, residence or location in accordance with these General Terms and Conditions for Gas Service, Company may transfer any unpaid balance to any other residential service account of customer and may discontinue service twenty-one (21) days after rendition of the combined bill, for nonpayment, in accordance with this rule.

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JAMES DUDLEY,

Plaintiff,

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF JACKSON COUNTY.

SSOCIATE CIRCUIT DIVISION

VS.

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SOUTHERN UNION COMPANY, MISSOURI GAS ENERGY, Division

Case No. 02 CV 222965 Division 25

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Defendant.

SUGGESTIONS IN SUPPORT OF MGE'S MOTION FOR SUMMARY JUDGMENT

COMES NOW the Defendant, Southern Union Company, Missouri Gas Energy, a division ("MGE"), by and through its attorneys of record, and respectfully submits the following Suggestions in Support of its Motion for Summary Judgment against Plaintiff James Dudley.

INTRODUCTION

Plaintiff is an individual residing in Kansas City, Jackson County, Missouri. He is the 5 owner of numerous properties in the Kansas City area, including 4231 Tracy, 4024 Prospect, 3514 Bales and 3312 Moulton. All of these properties are supplied with gas service by MGE. In April, 8 2002, a past due balance for Plaintiff's account at the 4024 Prospect address was transferred to G Mr. Dudley's account for 4231 Tracy, which was past due already. After Mr. Dudley refused to pay the delinquent charges, gas service was shut off on July 30, 2002. As will be shown, MGE 10 acted at all times in accordance with its tariff, which governs all MGE's operations. Additionally, 11 this Court is without jurisdiction to hear Plaintiff's claims, because he failed to exhaust his 12 13 administrative remedies through the Missouri Public Service Commission ("PSC"). Accordingly, 14 there is no genuine issue of material fact and MGE is entitled to judgment as a matter of law.

Summary Judgment is appropriate where the pleadings; depositions, answers to 3 interrogatories, and admissions on file, together with the affidavits, if any, show that there is no genuine issue as to any material fact and that the moving party is entitled to judgment as a matter Ŷ of law. Daffron v. McDonnell Douglas Corp., 874 S.W.2d 482, 483 (Mo. App. 1994). Rule 5 74.04, Missouri Rules of Civil Procedure. All evidence is viewed in the light most favorable to the non-moving party and the facts set forth by affidavit or otherwise in support of a party's motion are taken as true unless contradicted by the non-moving party's response to the summary X 9 judgment motion. ITT Commercial Finance Corp. v. Mid-Am Marine Supply Corp. 854 S.W.2d 371, 376 (Mo. banc 1993). Once the movant has established a right to judgment as a matter of 10 law, the non-movant must show a genuine dispute as to the material facts. Id.

<u>ARGUMENT</u>

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3 1. MGE's tariff allowed the termination of Plaintiff's service.

TANDARDS FOR SUMMARY JUDGMENT

 $1\ell\ell$ MGE's operations are governed by a tariff on file with the Missouri Public Service Commission. Section 3.02 of that tariff states that MGE shall not be required to supply gas service $l\ell$ to a customer if said customer is indebted to the gas company for service at that or another address. See Bussey Affidavit. Additionally, section 3.07(a) of the same tariff states that MGE has the right to discontinue gas service when a customer fails to pay a delinquent charge.

In the event of discontinuance or termination of service at a separate residential metering point, residence or location in accordance with these General Terms and Conditions for Gas Service, Company may transfer any unpaid balance to any other residential service account of customer and may discontinue service twenty-one (21) days after rendition of the combined bill, for nonpayment, in accordance with this rule.

 $\gamma_{\rm L}$ Section 3.07(B).

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MGE terminated service to the 4024 Prospect property on April 17, 2002. In April, 2002, Mr. Dudley's account with MGE was delinquent at the 4231 Tracy property in the amount of \$300.27. After Mr. Dudley refused to pay the balance due on the 4024 Prospect account, that balance the was transferred to the 4231 Tracy account on June 25, 2002. When Mr. Dudley refused to pay the total balance due on the 4231 Tracy account, gas service to that location was terminated on July 30, 2002. *Id*.

On July 30, 2002, Mr. Dudley's original balance due on the 4231 Tracy account was more than three months past due and the transferred balance was delinquent more than 21 days after the transfer. Further, Plaintiff admits that he is delinquent on 3 accounts with MGE, and only disputes the transferred balance. As such, MGE acted in accordance with its tariff in terminating gas service to 4231 Tracy and did not unlawfully damage Plaintiff. When Mr. Dudley made a substantial payment toward the past due balance on the 4231 Tracy account, MGE restored service to that residence the next day.

 $\begin{array}{ll} & \text{WHEREFORE, for the foregoing reasons, Defendant MGE prays for judgment in its} \\ & \text{favor and against plaintiff, that plaintiff's Petition be dismissed, for its costs herein incurred, and} \\ & \text{for such other and further relief as this Court deems just.} \end{array}$

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2. Plaintiff has failed to exhaust administrative remedies.

The PSC is a state agency established by the Missouri General Assembly to regulate public utilities operating within the State. Section 386.020, RSMo. An informal complaint may be filed 20 by a customer with the PSC, but if the customer is not satisfied with the PSC's response, a formal 2 (complaint, in writing must be filed. 4 CSR 240-2.070: The PSC then investigates, holds a hearing, and renders a decision on the merits. R.S.Mo. sections 386.90 - 386.500. Only after the decision of the PSC may a circuit court review the PSC's decision. Section 386.510

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Within thirty days after the application for a rehearing is denied, or if the application is granted, then within thirty days after the rendition of the decision on rehearing, the applicant may apply to the circuit court of the county where the hearing was held or in which the commission has its principal office for a writ of certiorari or review (herein referred to as a writ of review) for the purpose of having the reasonableness or lawfulness of the original order or decision or the order or decision on rehearing inquired into or determined. . . No new or additional evidence may be introduced upon the hearing in the circuit court but the cause shall be heard by the court without the intervention of a jury on the evidence and exhibits introduced before the commission and certified to by it.

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As shown above, MGE has acted in accordance with the tariff governing its conduct in transferring a past due balance between Plaintiff's accounts and terminating Plaintiff's gas service. Noreover, even if MGE had not acted correctly, which MGE disputes, Plaintiff has failed to exhaust the required administrative remedies, and this Court is without jurisdiction to hear Plaintiff's claims.

21 WHEREFORE, for the foregoing reasons, Defendant MGE respectfully requests that this 22 Court grant judgment in its favor, and against plaintiff, that MGE be awarded for its costs herein 23 incurred, and for such other and further relief as this Court deems just.

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November, 2002, to the following:

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JAMES DUDLEY,

VS.

Plaintiff

SOUTHERN UNION COMPANY, MISSOURI GAS ENERGY, Division

Defendant.

Division 25

Case No. 02_CV 222965

SUGGESTIONS IN OPPOSITION TO PLAINTIFF'S MOTION FOR SUMMARY JUDGMENT

COMES NOW the Defendant, Southern Union Company, Missouri Gas Energy, a division - ("MGE"), by and through its attorneys of record, and respectfully submits the following Suggestions in Opposition to Plaintiff's Motion for Summary Judgment.

INTRODUCTION

Plaintiff is an individual proceeding pro se. Apparently, Plaintiff is complaining about a
delinquent gas bill on a rental property owned by him located at 4024 Prospect. After the
previous tenant provided proof that she had not lived at 4024 Prospect during the time in question,
MGE requested Mr. Dudley provide the name of the person residing at 4024 Prospect because
somebody was obviously using gas service. After Mr. Dudley failed to provide the name or proof
that anyone other than he or his family was living at 4024 Prospect, pursuant to its tariff, MGE
discontinued service at 4024 Prospect. Also pursuant to its tariff, MGE transferred the 4024
Prospect balance to Mr. Dudley's admitted residence at 4231 Tracy, and when the delinquency
was not paid, service was terminated at 4231 Tracy. After Mr. Dudley made some payments
toward the delinquency, MGE restored gas service to the Tracy address.

As was shown in MGE's Motion for Summary Judgment filed November 6, 2002, MGE acted in accord with its tariff at all times. Not only is Plaintiff not entitled to summary judgment in its favor, the uncontroverted facts clearly show that MGE is entitled to judgment as a matter of law against Plaintiff.

STANDARDS FOR SUMMARY JUDGMENT

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Summary Judgment is appropriate where the pleadings, depositions, answers to interrogatories, and admissions on file, together with the affidavits, if any, show that there is no genuine issue as to any material fact and that the moving party is entitled to judgment as a matter of law. Daffron v. McDonnell Douglas Corp., 874 S.W.2d 482, 483 (Mo. App. 1994). Rule 8 9 74.04, Missouri Rules of Civil Procedure. Once the moving party has established a right to judgment as a matter of law, "the nonmoving party's only recourse is to show that there is a 10 П genuine dispute of material fact by offering affidavits, deposition, answers to interrogatories, or admissions." Garrett v. Impac Hotels 1, L.L.C., 87 S.W.3d 870, 872 (Mo.App.E.D. 2002). 12 13 Parties may not avoid summary judgment by introducing their own statements of conclusory $|\mathcal{U}|$ allegations to create a genuine issue of material fact. Id.

3 In the instant case, Mr. Dudley has failed to show that he is entitled to judgment as a matter of law or that there is any genuine issue of material fact as to MGE's Motion for Summary 16 Judgment. His conclusory allegations do not create any genuine issues of material fact. 17:

MGE'S RESPONSE TO PLAINTIFF'S STATEMENT OF CONTROVERTED FACTS. Admit. Paragraph 1 repeats verbatim MGE's statement in its Motion for Summary 16 Judgment.

Admit. Paragraph 2 repeats verbatim MGE's statement in its Motion for 2. 20

Summary Judgment.

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Admit. MGE admits that Mr. Dudley disputed the bill at 4024 Prospect.

4. Admit. Paragraph 4 repeats verbatim paragraph 3 of MGE's statement of Uncontroverted Facts.

5-8. Plaintiff appears to be admitting something in MGE's Statement of Uncontroverted Facts. We think that Plaintiff is admitting the delinquent accounts at 4231 Tracy, 3514 Bales, and 3312 Moulton.

9-13. Admit. Paragraphs 9 – 13 repeat paragraphs 9 – 13 of MGE's Uncontroverted facts.

14. Deny. Plaintiff appears to be stating that the delinquent balances did not become
 an issue until after September 29, 2002. MGE asserts that these delinquencies were being
 addressed with Plaintiff well before September 29, 2002.

15. Admit. Plaintiff repeats paragraph 15 of MGE's facts.

16. Admit. Plaintiff repeats paragraph 16 of MGE's facts.

17. Deny. Plaintiff asserts that he filed a written complaint with the Missouri Public Service Commission, but has not provided a copy of or proof of said written complaint.

17 18. Admit. MGE admits that Plaintiff received a letter from the Public Service 18 Commission.

19. Deny. Plaintiff was able to read the statutes well enough to call the Public Service 20 Commission, and is able to read the statutes enough to cite them in his various motions filed in 21 this case. The administrative requirement for a hearing before the Public Service Commission is 22 clearly detailed in the statute, 4 CSR 240-2.070, as well as the administrative requirement of a 23 request for rehearing as set forth in sections 386.90 - 386.500, RSMo. 20. Admit.

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22. Deny. Plaintiff asserts that he followed the dispute policy for the Missouri Public Service Commission, but admits in paragraphs 20 and 21 that he did not request or have a hearing or request a rehearing.

Unable to admit or deny. MGE does not know who lives at 4024 Prospect, but the 23.

property is owned by Plaintiff.

24. See response to paragraph 23.

25. See response to paragraph 23.

See response to paragraph 23. 26.

27. Admit that Plaintiff had gas service in his name at 4024 Prospect from Sept. 2001 12 through April 2002.

> Deny. Plaintiff had gas service in his name in September, 2001 at 4024 Prospect. 28.

MGE admits that Plaintiff disputed the bill to MGE but denies that he followed any 14 29. of the proper administrative procedures before the Public Service Commission.

Unable to admit or deny. MGE is not sure what the listing of three statutes means. 16 30. Plaintiff has a section entitled Missouri Gas Energy Uncontroverted Facts. MGE will now 18

attempt to respond to Plaintiff's "facts".

Deny. Mr. Dudley had a delinquent bill for gas service at 4024 Prospect. 1.

MGE admits that gas service was in Ms. Chappelow's name until May, 2000. 2.

MGE admits that Ms. Chappelow lived at 4024 Prospect until May 2000. 3.

22 Deny. Attached to MGE's Motion for Summary Judgment is the affidavit of an 4. MGE employee verifying that Ms. Chappelow provided proof to MGE that she no longer resided 23

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5. Deny. MGE asserts that because the property at 4024 Prospect is owned by Mr. Dudley, the burden is upon him to provide proof that someone other than he was residing at the location. Plaintiff has wholly failed to provide any documentation that anyone other than himself or his family resided at 4024 Prospect during the time in question.

6. See response to paragraph No. 5.

7-11 Unable to respond or deny. MGE is unsure to what Plaintiff is referring.

12. Admit.

13. Admit.

Plaintiff references Suggestions in support of his Motion, but MGE did not receive a copy of these suggestions, if there are any.

ARGUMENT

12 Plaintiff has completely failed to show that he is entitled to judgment as a matter of law. 13 Instead he has admitted the essential elements of MGE's Motion for Summary Judgment, that he 14 owns various properties, that each of those properties had a delinquent balance, that MGE's tariff 15 allows the transfer of delinquent balances and termination of service for delinquent balances. 16 Further, Plaintiff admits that he did not request a hearing before the Missouri Public Service 17 Commission or a rehearing, which is a requirement in order to file suit against MGE, a public 18 entity.

As stated in MGE's Motion for Summary Judgment, MGE's operations are governed by a tariff on file with the Missouri Public Service Commission. That tariff allows MGE to refuse to 2l supply gas service to a customer if said customer is indebted to the gas company for service at that 12 or another address. Additionally, the same tariff allows MGE to discontinue gas service when a customer fails to pay a delinquent charge. Finally, the tariff explicitly states that MGE may transfer any unpaid balance to another residential service account and terminate service for nonpayment of the combined bill.

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Simply put, MGE acted at all times in accordance with its tariff. It terminated service to the 4024 Prospect property on April 17, 2002. In April, 2002, Mr. Dudley's account with MGE was delinquent at the 4231 Tracy property in the amount of \$300.27. After Mr. Dudley refused to pay the balance due on the 4024 Prospect account, that balance then was transferred to the 4231 Tracy account on June 25, 2002. When Mr. Dudley refused to pay the total balance due on the 4231 Tracy account, gas service to that location was terminated on July 30, 2002. Id.

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Additionally, Plaintiff admits that he has not requested a hearing in writing from the Public Service Commission. Because he has failed to exhaust his administrative remedies, this Court is without jurisdiction to hear his complaint.

WHEREFORE, for the foregoing reasons, Defendant MGE prays for judgment in its 11 favor and against plaintiff, that plaintiff's Petition be dismissed, for its costs herein incurred, and 14 for such other and further relief as this Court deems just. 14

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