BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the matter of Missouri Gas Ener-)		
gy of Kansas City, Missouri re-)		
quested authority to file a tariff)	Case No.	GR-2004-209
reflecting a change in rates for)		
its Missouri customers)		

APPLICATION FOR ORDER ALLOWING INTERVENTION OF MIDWEST GAS USERS ASSOCIATION

Comes now MIDWEST GAS USERS ASSOCIATION ("Midwest") and pursuant to 4 C.S.R. 240-2.075 applies to intervene herein and become a party hereto in respect to the above matter. In support thereof, Midwest respectfully states:

1. Midwest is an unincorporated non-profit association consisting of and representing its membership of business concerns and corporations that are substantial users of natural gas at their plants situated in such states as Kansas, Missouri and Oklahoma. Numerous members have plants and facilities which are located in and consume natural gas within the State of Missouri. A listing of Midwest members and participants is attached as Appendix A. 1/

½ Pursuant to 4 CSR 240-2.075(3), the attached listing includes Midwest members and companies that have at various times and in various matters participated through Midwest in proceedings in Missouri, Kansas and at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. Direct participation in a particular case varies depending on the nature of the case, the location and service area of the utility involved, and the impacts on and circumstances of a particular member's operations. The promptness of the suspension order and the resulting early intervention (continued...)

2. Midwest's interest in proceedings affecting the rates, terms and conditions of large customer natural gas service has been repeatedly recognized by the Missouri Public Service Commission in permitting Midwest's intervention in proceedings affecting The Gas Service Company, its successors, KPL Gas Service Company, Western Resources and Missouri Gas Energy, Aquila, Inc. (Missouri Public Service Company), Ameren Union Electric and in numerous generic dockets involving the terms and conditions of natural gas transportation and purchased gas adjustment clauses for natural gas companies in the State of Missouri. Midwest's interest in proceedings affecting natural gas rates, and the terms and conditions of natural gas service also has been recognized by the Federal Power Commission and its successor the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission in granting Midwest's intervention in numerous Natural Gas Act Section 4 and 5 dockets concerning Williams Natural Gas Pipeline Company (now Southern Star Central), Panhandle Eastern Pipeline Company, Riverside Pipeline (now Enbridge Inc.), and other generic dockets concerning the terms and conditions of natural gas service, including FERC Orders 436, 500, 451, 528, 636 and 637.

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½ (...continued) date has prevented a full response from the membership while information is still being circulated and impacts evaluated. Present participants who have authorized this intervention are Archer Daniels Midland Company, Leggett & Platt Inc., EnerSys Inc., and ThyssenKrupp Stahl Co. Other participants' involvement and authorization is pending and is expected to be drawn from the attached listing. Midwest will identify these to the Commission and to any other parties.

- 3. On or about November 4, 2003, Missouri Gas Energy, a Division of Southern Union Corporation (MGE) filed proposed tariffs reflecting an overall annual revenue increase of \$45 million for its Missouri service area. Additional changes appear to have been proposed in certain other terms and conditions of service that may affect the economics of natural gas transportation for Midwest members and participants.
- 4. As major customers of MGE, Midwest members and participants will be affected by the outcome of this docket to a material but as yet undetermined extent.
- 5. Because MGE transports gas for use by Midwest members under separate transportation rate schedules and because of the size and consumption patterns of Midwest's members, Midwest is in the special position of representing interests which will not and cannot be represented adequately by any other party and which interests are direct and immediate and differ from those of the general public. Therefore, it will aid the Commission and protect the public interest that Midwest be permitted to intervene in this proceeding so as to protect its interest which no other party is in a position properly to protect and adequately represent herein.
- 6. For purposes of 4 CSR 240-2.075(2), Midwest states that it is opposed to the discriminatory pricing of natural gas distribution services and thus expects to oppose the relief in the amount and in the manner and methodology sought herein by MGE. Further, Midwest states that the proposed tariffs have not

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been shown to be just and reasonable and appear to be unjust and unreasonable. Midwest is unable to make a more specific formulation or statement of the positions it will take in the issues in this case pending further review of MGE's filing and expected discovery.

WHEREFORE, Midwest prays: (a) that Midwest be permitted to intervene herein and be made a party hereto with all rights to have notice of and participate in hearings to present evidence, cross-examine witnesses, file briefs and participate in argument, should any be had; and (b) for all other needful and proper relief.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that I have this day served the foregoing pleading by U.S. mail, postage prepaid addressed to all parties by their attorneys of record as disclosed by the pleadings and orders herein.

Stuart W. Conrad

Dated: November 26, 2003

APPENDIX A

A D Mohr Farms Friskies Petcare Div. of Ag Processing Inc a coopera-Nestle' Inc. Frito Lay Folger's Coffee Co. ABB Power T & D Corporation Alameda Plaza Inc. [Fairmont] Gaines Foods Alameda Towers General Mills American Bakeries Co. Griffin Wheel American Beauty Macaroni GST Steel Company Guardian Management Inc. Archer Daniels Midland Company Ark City Packing Co. Gulf & Western Mfg. Banquet Foods Corporation Guys Foods Inc. Baptist Medical Center Hallmark Cards Bayer Inc. Hamm Asphalt Inc. Bethany Hospital Harvest Brand Inc. Hercules, Inc. Hills Pet Food Division Blueside Company BMA Bowen Construction Co. Hills Division of Riviana Butler Manufacturing Co. Hospital Linen Service Cargill Inc. Hudson Foods, Inc. Carnation Can Co. Hudson Farms Castlegate Ind. Inc. Hudson Food Protein ICI Explosives USA, Inc. Certain-Teed Products Inc. Chesebrough-Ponds, Inc. J C Nichols Co. City of Osborne Kansas City Terminal Railway City of Holton Koppers Co. Inc. City of Minneapolis Krause Milling Co. City of Independence, Missouri Lafarge Corporation City of Palymyra Lawrence Paper Company City of Ottawa Leggett & Platt Inc. City of Beloit M F A Milling City of Baldwin M K T Railroad City of Ossawatomie Hoeschst Marion Roussel City of Sabetha City of Horton [Quintiles] Maytag Corporation McNally Pittsburg City of Lincoln City of Augusta Medical Center of Independence Coleman Alfalfa Menorah Medical Center Colgate Palmolive Mid America Dairymen Continental Baking Company Midwest Conveyor Cook Paint & Varnish Midwest Grain Products Corn Products Company Milnot Compay Mission Clay Products Danisco Cultor, Inc. Doanes Products Missouri Steel Castings Missouri Plating Co. Empire Cold Storage Fairbanks Morse Pump Modine Manufacturing Company Fairbanks Morse & Co. National Starch Company National ByProducts Fairmont C. C. Dairy Fasco Products, Inc. North Kansas City Hospital O'Sullivan Industries Faultless Laundry Ford Motor Co. Owens Corning Fiberglas Fox Run Apartments PCS Nitrogen Co. Pet Milk Co.

Philadelphia Quartz Co.

Pittsburgh Corning Corporation

Proctor & Gamble Co.

Potash Corporation

Quaker Oats

Ralston Purina Co.

Reichhold Chemical Inc.

Research Hospital and Medical

Center

Reynolds Metals Co.

Rival Manuracturing Co.

Safeway Stores

Santa Fe Railroad

Sealright Mfg. Co.

Sears Roebuck & Co.

Seitz Foods Inc.

Southwest Oil & Grease

Sperry Vickers

St. John's Hospital

St. Joseph Light & Power

St. Joseph's Center

St. Francis Hospital

St. Mary's Hospital, St. Jo-

seph, Missouri

St. Joseph's Hospital

St. Lukes Hospital

Standard Refining

Steffen Dairy

Swift and Company

Swift Ind. Packing Co.

Teva Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

Thomas J. Lipton Inc.

Thompson Industries

ThyssenKrupp Stahl Co.

Tower Metal Products

Town of Carrolton

TransWorld Airlines [American

Airlines |

Trigen - Kansas City District

Trinity Lutheran Hospital

Trumbull Asphalt

U S Gypsum Co.

Vance Brothers Asphalt

W R Grace & Co.

W S Dickey Clay Products Co.

Wells Aluminum Inc.

Winchester Foods Inc.

Wire Rope Corporation of America