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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of Missouri Gas Energy, a Division)
of Southern Union Company, Regarding an Incident) Case No. GS-2000-62
Near 1204 Walnut in Kansas City, Missouri.)

ORDER ESTABLISHING CASE

On July 30, 1999, the Commission's Staff filed a Motion to Establish Docket. Staff states that Missouri Gas Energy, a Division of Southern Union Company (MGE) is a gas corporation subject to Commission jurisdiction under Sections 386.020(18) and 386.020(42), RSMo Supp. 1998. MGE provides natural gas service in Kansas City, Missouri. Staff states that on July 6, 1999, at approximately 3:10 p.m., a flash fire apparently resulted from the ignition of natural gas in a communications vault owned by Williams Communication near 1204 Walnut in Kansas City, Missouri.

Staff states that a contractor reportedly sustained burns as a result of the incident and was transported to the hospital. Staff states that it has initiated a formal investigation into the incident.

Staff requests that the Commission establish a case for the purpose of receiving information, including a gas incident report relating to the incident near 1204 Walnut, and for the purpose of ordering an appropriate response to the information.

The Commission determines that a case should be established to receive information relevant to the above-described incident and to

determine what, if any, action by the Commission is warranted. Thus, the Commission will establish Case No. GS-2000-62.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That Case No. GS-2000-62 is hereby established for the purpose of receiving the Staff incident report and the response of Missouri Gas Energy, a Division of Southern Union Company, thereto pertaining to the incident near 1204 Walnut, which occurred on July 6, 1999.

2. That the Commission's Energy Department shall file its incident report within one hundred twenty (120) days of the effective date of this order.

3. That this order shall become effective on August 11, 1999.

BY THE COMMISSION



Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

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Keith Thornburg, 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 11th day of August, 1999.

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