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STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

At a Session of the Public Service
Commission held at its office
in Jefferson City on the 28th
day of March, 2000.

In the Matter of Missouri Gas Energy's	)
Tariff to Reflect Continuation of the	)
Experimental Price Stabilization Charge	)
and to Request Expedited Approval of	)
this Filing	)

Case No. GT-2000-582
Tariff File No. 200000849

ORDER APPROVING TARIFF

On March 17, 2000, Missouri Gas Energy, a division of Southern Union Company (MGE), filed a revised tariff designed to extend collection of the Experimental Price Stabilization Charge (EPSC) until the effective date of its scheduled winter Purchased Gas Adjustment (PGA) filing. MGE requested expedited consideration with approval on or before April 1, 2000. Additionally, MGE stated, continuation of the EPSC will help to balance cost recovery with the associated expenditures. MGE states that these two points, together with the interrelationship between this tariff filing and its scheduled summer PGA filing expected to become effective April 1, 2000, constitute good cause for approval with less than thirty days' notice.

On March 23, 2000, the Staff of the Commission (Staff) filed its memorandum in which it recommends that the Commission approve MGE's proposed tariff effective April 1, 2000. Staff states that continuing collection of the EPSC through the summer will help lessen the

possible impact the EPSC will have on next year's Actual Cost Adjustment factor.

The Commission has reviewed the tariff filing and the Staff memorandum, and has determined that extending the EPSC is in the public interest. The Commission finds that good cause exists to approve the tariff on less than thirty days' notice.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That Tariff No. 200000849, filed March 17, 2000, by Missouri Gas Energy, a division of Southern Union Company, consisting of the following tariff sheets is hereby approved for service on or after April 1, 2000:

P.S.C. Mo. No. 1

Fourth Revised Sheet No. 24.6 Canceling Third Revised Sheet No. 24.6

2. That this order shall become effective on April 1, 2000.
3. That this case may be closed on April 2, 2000.

BY THE COMMISSION



Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

(S E A L)

Lumpe, Ch., Crumpton, Murray,
and Drainer, CC., concur
Schemenauer, C., dissents

Mills, Deputy Chief Regulatory Law Judge