

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
JEFFERSON CITY
September 7, 2000**

CASE NO: GE-2000-808

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

Sincerely,

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

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Filing of Missouri)
Gas Energy, a Division of Southern Union) Case No. GE-2000-808
Company, Pursuant to 4 CSR 240-40.17(8))

ORDER GRANTING EXTENSION OF TIME TO RESPOND

On June 8, 2000, Missouri Gas Energy, a division of Southern Union Company (MGE), filed with the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission) an application for an exemption pursuant to Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-40-017(8), i.e., a waiver of the HVAC rule.

On August 9, 2000, the Commission ordered its Staff (Staff) to file its recommendation no later than September 8, 2000.

On September 6, 2000, Staff filed its motion for an extension of time to file Staff's recommendation. Staff stated that on June 20, 2000, it sent MGE a data request seeking information necessary for Staff to make a recommendation to the Commission concerning MGE's request for a waiver. Staff stated that since the original data request was sent, the Staff has made additional requests for information and, while some information has been received, Staff has not received adequate information to make a recommendation that MGE be granted its requested waiver. Staff stated that MGE has committed to providing the information requested to the Staff no later than September 15, 2000. Staff stated that MGE agrees with Staff's request for an extension and that the Office of the Public Counsel does not object to Staff's request for an extension. Thus, Staff stated that it requested an extension until September 29, 2000, for it to file its recommendation.

The Commission will extend the time for the filing of Staff's recommendation.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission shall file its recommendation no later than September 29, 2000.
2. That this order shall become effective on September 18, 2000.

BY THE COMMISSION

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Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

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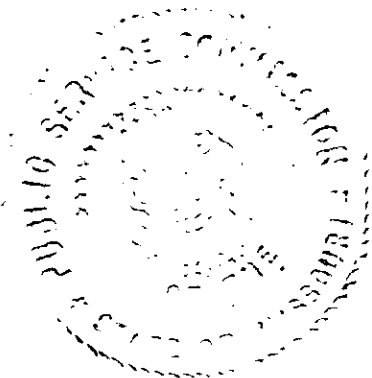
Bill Hopkins, Senior Regulatory Law
Judge, by delegation of authority
pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 1994.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 7th day of September, 2000.

**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 7th day of September 2000.



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Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge