

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
JEFFERSON CITY
January 13, 2000**

CASE NO: GA-2000-412

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dale Hardy Roberts". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application of Missouri)
Gas Energy, a Division of Southern Union)
Company, for a Certificate of Public)
Convenience and Necessity, Authorizing It to)
Construct, Install, Own, Operate, Control,)
Manage and Maintain a Natural Gas Transmission)
and Distribution System to Provide Gas Service)
in a Certain Area in Newton County, Missouri)
as an Expansion of Its Existing Certificated)
Area)

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ORDER REQUESTING RESPONSE

On January 10, 2000, Missouri Gas Energy, a division of Southern Union Company, (MGE) filed an application with the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission) pursuant to Section 393.170, RSMo 1994, requesting that the Commission grant it a certificate of convenience and necessity to construct, install, own, operate, control, manage and maintain a system for the provision of natural gas service to the public pursuant to its approved rates, rules and regulations, in the requested new area of Newton County, Missouri. MGE did not state whether or not there were any municipalities located within the proposed service area.

On the same day, MGE also filed a motion for expedited treatment, wherein it "...requests that the Commission order that the application be processed in an accelerated manner and that times for intervention and a report or recommendation from the Staff [of the Commission] be expedited."

Thus, the Commission will order the Staff to respond to this order within five days, stating whether or not it will be able to handle this case in an expedited manner and, if so, giving suggested dates for the filing of a Staff report or recommendation.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission shall respond to this order no later than 3:00 p.m. on January 18, 2000, stating whether or not it will be able to handle this case in an expedited manner and, if so, giving suggested dates for the filing of a Staff report or recommendation.

2. That this order shall become effective on January 23, 2000.

BY THE COMMISSION



Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

(S E A L)

Bill Hopkins, Senior 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 13th day of January, 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 13TH day of January 2000.

Dale Hardy Roberts

Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

