BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

the Matter of the Request of Missouri)	
Gas Energy, a Division of Southern Union)	Case No. GO-99-302
mpany, to Modify and Accelerate its)	
Service Line Replacement Program.)	

ORDER GRANTING LEAVE TO FILE CONSOLIDATED RESPONSE

Missouri Gas Energy (MGE), a division of Southern Union Company, filed an Application with the Commission on January 12, 1999, for authority to modify its service line replacement program. MGE requested approval of the modifications no later than March 15. On January 27, the Commission directed the Staff of the Public Service Commission (Staff) to file its recommendations regarding approval or rejection of MGE's Application no later than February 25. On February 5, the Office of the Public Counsel (Public Counsel) filed a response in opposition to MGE's motion.

On February 16, MGE filed a Motion for Leave to File Consolidated Response. MGE requests that in the interest of efficiency it be allowed to file a single, combined response to Public Counsel's Response and to Staff's recommendation. MGE indicates that it would file its response no later than March 8.

The Commission finds that MGE's Motion is reasonable and will result in an efficient use of resources. MGE's Motion will be granted.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

- 1. That Missouri Gas Energy's Motion for Leave to File Consolidated Response is granted.
- 2. That Missouri Gas Energy shall file its response to the Office of the Public Counsel's Response and to Staff's recommendation no later than March 8, 1999.
 - 3. That this order shall become effective on March 8, 1999.

BY THE COMMISSION

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Chief Regulatory Law Judge/Secretary

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Morris L. Woodruff, 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 26th day of February, 1999.

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