## BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

## OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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

## ORDER AND NOTICE

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 proposes to modify the currently approved plan by: 1) replacing all customerinstalled unprotected steel service lines by October 31, 2000, rather than December 31, 1999 as called for under the currently approved plan; and 2) replacing all yard lines and company-owned and installed unprotected steel service lines by year-end 2004 rather than year-end 2009 as called for under the currently approved plan. MGE also requests that the Commission continue to grant it certain previously authorized accounting authority until the conclusion of the service line replacement program. MGE requests approval of the modifications no later than March 15, 1999.

The Office of the Public Counsel (Public Counsel) has filed a response in opposition to MGE's application. Public Counsel opposes the application because it asserts that decelerating the pace of replacement of customer-installed unprotected steel service lines will be detrimental

to the public safety. Public Counsel also opposes the requested grant of continued accounting authority.

Proper parties should be given notice and an opportunity to intervene in this matter. The Records Department of the Commission shall send a copy of this order to the mayors of all municipalities located within MGE's service area, and to the county government bodies of all the counties within MGE's service area. The Information Office of the Commission shall send notice of this application to the members of the General Assembly who represent the counties within MGE's service area, and to the newspapers that serve the counties within MGE's service area as listed in the newspaper directory of the current Official Manual of the State of Missouri. Proper persons will be given the opportunity to intervene.

## IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

- 1. That the Information Office and the Records Department of the Missouri Public Service Commission shall provide notice as set out herein.
- 2. That any interested party wishing to intervene in this case shall file an application to do so no later than March 8, 1999. Such applications shall be filed with:

Secretary of the Missouri Public Service Commission P.O. Box 360, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102 Copies of the application to intervene should be sent to:

Gary W. Duffy, Attorney at Law Brydon, Swearengen & England P.C. 312 E. Capitol P.O. Box 456 Jefferson City, Missouri 65102-0456

and

Office of the Public Counsel P.O. Box 7800 Jefferson City, Missouri 65102

3. That this order shall become effective on March 1, 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 18th day of February, 1999.

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