

**STATE OF MISSOURI  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
JEFFERSON CITY  
March 14, 2000**

**CASE NO: GS-2000-62**

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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**

**STATE OF MISSOURI  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a session of the Public Service  
Commission held at its office  
in Jefferson City on the 14th  
day of March, 2000.

In the matter of Missouri Gas Energy, a Division   )  
of Southern Union Company, Regarding an Incident   ) Case No. GS-2000-62  
Near 1204 Walnut in Kansas City, Missouri.        )

**ORDER CLOSING CASE**

On July 6, 1999, at approximately 3:10 p.m., a flash fire resulted from the ignition of natural gas in a communications vault owned by Williams Communications near 1204 Walnut in Kansas City, Missouri. Staff began a formal investigation. On July 30, 1999, the Commission's Staff filed a Motion to Establish Docket to establish a case for the purpose of receiving information, including a gas incident report relating to the incident near 1204 Walnut, and for the purpose of ordering an appropriate response to the information.

Missouri Gas Energy, a Division of Southern Union Company (MGE) is a gas corporation subject to Commission jurisdiction under Sections 386.020(18) and 386.020(42), RSMo Supp. 1999. MGE provides natural gas service in Kansas City, Missouri.

The Commission determined that a case should be established to receive information relevant to the incident and to determine what, if any, action by the Commission is warranted. The Commission issued its Order Establishing Case on August 11, 1999.

Staff filed its Gas Incident Report on December 8, 1999, with a motion requesting that the Commission order MGE to respond. The Commission ordered a response in a corrected order issued on December 30, 1999. MGE filed its response on January 24, 2000.

On February 10, 2000, the Staff filed its recommendation that the Commission close this case. A memorandum attached to the recommendation indicates that MGE has addressed Staff recommendations by improving documentation procedures for contractors, utilizing MGE personnel to monitor contract work and providing training to inspectors and to contractors. MGE also responded to Staff recommendations regarding utility damage prevention by implementing procedures to more closely monitor job sites where directional drilling operations are utilized, support local permitting for directional drilling, improve line locate documentation, and work with the Commission's Staff and other organizations to foster damage prevention education.

The Commission finds that this incident has been investigated and that MGE has responded to Staff recommendations. No further action is required in this matter before the Missouri Public Service Commission. Therefore this case may be closed.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

1. That Case No. GS-2000-62 is hereby closed effective on March 24, 2000.

2. That this order shall become effective on March 24, 2000.

BY THE COMMISSION

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

( S E A L )

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

Thornburg, Regulatory Law Judge

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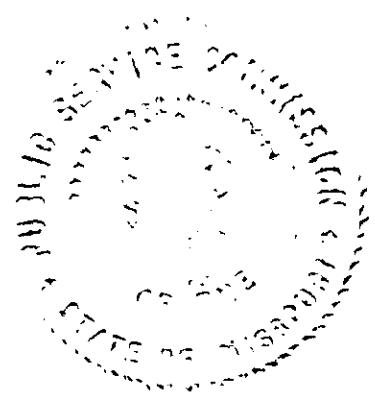
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**STATE OF MISSOURI  
OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

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 14<sup>th</sup> day of March 2000.



Dale Hardy Roberts  
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Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge