

**STATE OF MISSOURI  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
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**CASE NO: GR-2001-382**

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

Sincerely,



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

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

In the matter of Missouri Gas Energy's Purchased )	
Gas Adjustment Tariff Revisions to be Reviewed )	<u><b>Case No. GR-2001-382</b></u>
in its 2000-2001 Actual Cost Adjustment. )	Tariff No. 200200299

**ORDER APPROVING INTERIM RATES**

On October 18, 2001, Missouri Gas Energy (MGE), a Division of Southern Union Company of Kansas City, Missouri, submitted its proposed interim tariff, effective November 1, 2001. The tariff sheet was filed to reflect scheduled changes in MGE's Purchased Gas Adjustment (PGA) factors as the result of estimated changes in the cost of natural gas for the upcoming winter heating season. The winter heating season includes the months of November through March. This filing also reflects the recalculation of MGE's Actual Cost Adjustment (ACA) factor and MGE's refund factor.

The net effect of these changes will decrease the firm PGA factor for the 2001-2002 winter season to \$0.51682 per Ccf from the 2001 summer season firm PGA factor of \$0.76129 per Ccf. This represents an approximate 26% decrease in gas costs to consumers. The effect on a typical residential consumer will be a decrease of \$217.09 for the winter heating season.

On October 29, the Staff of the Commission filed a Recommendation and Memorandum stating that the changes in MGE's PGA were calculated in conformance with the Company's approved PGA Clause. Staff stated that MGE's PGA Clause allows for ten business days notice for filings reflecting PGA changes. Staff recommends that the

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Commission approve the tariff sheets to become effective November 1, 2001, on an interim basis, subject to refund, pending final Commission decisions in MGE's other open ACA cases, Case Nos. GR-96-450, GR-98-167, GR-99-304, and GR-2000-425. The Staff also requested that the Commission's Procurement Analysis Department be given the time necessary to conduct its audit of the ACA period and submit its results and recommendations regarding this ACA filing on or before November 29, 2001.

The Commission has reviewed the tariff sheet and Staff's Memorandum and Recommendation and finds that the tariff sheet conforms to the Company's Commission approved PGA Clause and is therefore reasonable. After considering Staff's recommendation, and for good cause shown pursuant to Section 393.140(11), RSMo 2000, the Commission has determined that the proposed tariff sheet should be approved to become effective on and after the requested effective date of November 1, 2001, interim subject to refund.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

1. That the tariff sheet submitted on October 18, 2001, by Missouri Gas Energy, a Division of Southern Union Company, is approved on an interim basis, subject to refund, for service rendered on and after November 1, 2001. The tariff sheet approved is:

**P.S.C. Mo. No. 1**  
**Fifth Revised Sheet No. 24.32, Canceling Fourth Revised Sheet No. 24.32**

2. That the Commission's Procurement Analysis Department be given the time necessary to conduct its audit of this ACA period and submit its results and recommendations regarding this ACA filing on or before November 29, 2001.

3. That this order shall become effective on November 1, 2001.

**BY THE COMMISSION**



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

( S E A L )

Kevin A. Thompson, Deputy Chief  
Regulatory Law Judge, by delegation  
of authority pursuant to Section 386.240,  
RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,  
on this 30th day of October, 2001.

**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 30<sup>th</sup> day of Oct. 2001.

*Dale Hardy Roberts*

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

