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**RE: GA-2000-412**

Dear Mr. Roberts:

Enclosed for filing in the above-captioned case are an original and fourteen (14) conformed copies of a **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**.

This filing has been mailed or hand-delivered this date to all counsel of record.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely yours,

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cc: Counsel of Record

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
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Missouri Public  
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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 of Newton )  
County, Missouri as an Expansion of Its )  
Existing Certificated Area )

Case No. GA-2000-412

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

COMES NOW the Staff ("Staff") of the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission") and for its Recommendation, respectfully states as follows:

1. In the attached Memorandum, which is labeled as Appendix A, the Staff recommends that the Commission grant approval of the tariff sheets filed by Missouri Gas Energy ("MGE"), a division of Southern Union Company, as follows:

P.S.C. MO. No. 1

First Revised SHEET No. 6.14, Canceling Original SHEET No. 6.14  
Second Revised SHEET No. 7, Canceling First SHEET No. 7

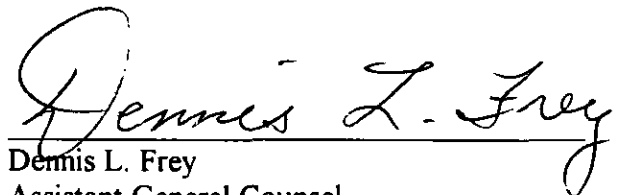
2. The Staff has examined the tariff filing and believes that it complies with the Commission's February 29, 2000 Order Granting Certificate, wherein the Commission granted MGE a certificate of convenience and necessity and ordered the filing of the revised tariff sheets.

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**WHEREFORE,** for the reasons set forth in its attached Memorandum, Staff recommends that the Commission issue an order approving MGE's tariff sheets, as identified herein.

Respectfully submitted,

DANA K. JOYCE  
General Counsel

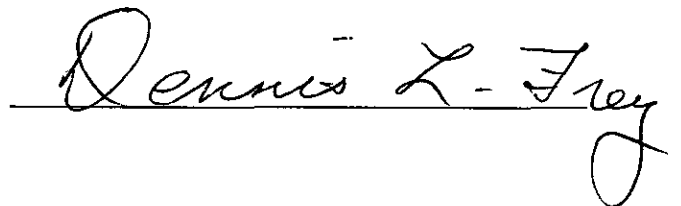
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I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed or hand-delivered to all counsel of record as shown on the attached service list this 20th day of March 2000.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Missouri Public Service Commission Official Case File,  
Case No. GA-2000-412, File No. 200000801, Missouri Gas Energy

FROM: <sup>gjs</sup> James A. Gray, Gas Department - Tariffs/Rate Design <sup>MMA</sup>

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Utility Operations Division/Date General Counsel's Office/Date

SUBJECT: Staff Recommendation On Tariff Sheets Filed to Comply With  
Commission Order.

DATE: March 16, 2000

On March 6, 2000, Missouri Gas Energy, a division of Southern Union Company (MGE or Company) of Kansas City, Missouri, filed tariff sheets with the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission) to comply with the Commission's ORDER GRANTING CERTIFICATE (Order) issued in this case on February 29, 2000. In its letter accompanying this filing, MGE is requesting expedited approval of these revised tariff sheets because they are in compliance with the Order and the Order does not become effective until the revised tariff sheets are approved. However, the Company did not request a date for expedited approval, the tariff sheets provide for the required 30 days notice by having an April 5, 2000, effective date.

The purpose of this filing is to modify the Company's Index of Certificated Areas and its Map of Certificated Areas to include the additional service area that will expand MGE's existing certificated area as allowed in the Commission's Order. The Order stated that the certificate will become effective simultaneous with the effective date of the tariff sheets modifying its gas service areas to reflect the additional service area.

Staff has reviewed this filing, and MGE's request for expedited approval of these tariff sheets. Staff is of the opinion that this filing is in compliance with the Commission's Order and has no objection to the Company's request for expedited approval. Therefore, Staff recommends that the following tariff sheets filed on March 6, 2000, be allowed to become effective on an expedited basis:

P.S.C. MO. No. 1

First Revised SHEET No. 6.14, Canceling Original SHEET No. 6.14  
Second Revised SHEET No. 7, Canceling First SHEET No. 7

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