

At a Session of the Public Service  
Commission held at its office  
in Jefferson City on the 18th  
day of August, 1998.

In the Matter of Missouri Gas Energy's                 )  
Gas Cost Incentive Mechanism.                                 )

**Case No. GO-96-243**

### ORDER EXTENDING TIME TO FILE REPORT

On August 3, 1998, Missouri Gas Energy (MGE), a division of Southern Union Company, filed a Motion for Extension of Time in Which to File Monitoring Report. MGE states that the personnel responsible for preparing the report were operating under the mistaken understanding that the report was not due on August 3, but rather several months later. MGE states that the preparation of the report is underway and that it will be filed by September 1.

On August 5, the Office of the Public Counsel (Public Counsel) filed a response opposing MGE's request. Public Counsel states that the language establishing the date for filing the report is clear, and that MGE's request is yet another example of MGE's failure to comply with the requirements of Commission orders. Public Counsel recommends granting only a minimal extension.

As noted by Public Counsel, the language in the Report and Order in GO-94-318, Phase II, is clear; nonetheless, the Commission does not believe that any party or MGE's ratepayers will be unduly harmed by allowing the extension requested by MGE, and will grant it.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

1. That the Motion for Extension of Time in Which to File Monitoring Report filed by Missouri Gas Energy, a division of Southern Union Company, on August 3, 1998, is hereby granted, and the report shall be due no later than September 1, 1998.

2. That this order shall become effective on August 28, 1998.

**BY THE COMMISSION**



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

( S E A L )

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

Register, Regulatory Law Judge

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