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Missouri Public
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GA-2000-412

Mr. Dale Hardy Roberts
Executive Secretary
Public Service Commission
P. O. Box 360
Jefferson City, MO 65102

RE: Application for Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity by
Missouri Gas Energy for certain area in Newton County, Missouri

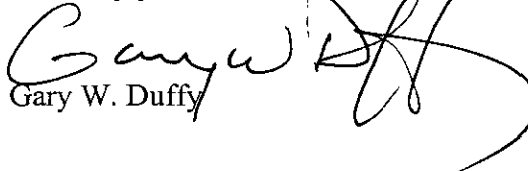
Dear Mr. Roberts:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced proceeding on behalf of Missouri Gas Energy please find an original and fourteen copies of an Application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity for 12 sections in Newton County, Missouri. This application is being filed because natural gas service has been requested from MGE at the Crossroads Center Distribution and Business Park which is located within the area certificated to MGE. However, MGE has determined that the most efficient and economical way to provide this service is construction of a pipeline from an interstate pipeline located approximately 3.5 miles to the south, through territory for which MGE does not currently have a certificate.

MGE is filing a Motion for Expedited Treatment in relation to this application.

If you have any questions, please give me a call.

Sincerely yours,


Gary W. Duffy

Enclosures

cc w.encl:

Office of Public Counsel
Office of the General Counsel
Charlie Hernandez

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

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 in Newton County,)
Missouri, as an expansion of its existing certificated)
area.)

Case No. GA-2000-412

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APPLICATION

Comes now Missouri Gas Energy, a division of Southern Union Company, ("MGE" or "Applicant"), by and through its counsel, and for its application pursuant to Section 393.170 RSMo and 4 CSR 240-2.060(2) for a certificate of public convenience and necessity, respectfully states as follows:

1. Applicant is Missouri Gas Energy, a division of Southern Union Company. MGE's principal office is located at 3420 Broadway, Kansas City, Missouri 64111.
2. Southern Union Company is a corporation duly incorporated under the laws of the state of Delaware and conducts business in Missouri under the fictitious name of Missouri Gas Energy. MGE conducts the business of a "gas corporation" and provides natural gas service in the Missouri counties of Andrew, Barry, Barton, Bates, Buchanan, Carroll, Cass, Cedar, Christian, Clay, Clinton, Cooper, Dade, Dekalb, Greene, Henry, Howard, Jackson, Jasper, Johnson, Lafayette, Lawrence, McDonald, Moniteau, Newton, Pettis, Platte, Ray, Saline, Stone, and Vernon, subject to the jurisdiction of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission).

3. All correspondence, communications, notices, order and decisions of the Commission with respect to this matter should be sent to:

Charles Hernandez
Director, Pricing & Regulatory Affairs
Missouri Gas Energy
3420 Broadway
Kansas City, Missouri 64111
Tel: 816 360-5605
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4. A copy of Applicant's Restated Certificate of Incorporation, fictitious name registration, and Certificate of Authority to do business in the state of Missouri were previously filed with the Commission in Case No. GM-94-40, and are incorporated here by reference.

5. Attached hereto and marked as Appendix A is a map of the location of the proposed service area in Newton County, Missouri. It also shows the adjoining areas for which MGE already has a certificate for gas service from the Commission.

6. Attached hereto and marked as Appendix B is a metes and bounds legal description of the proposed boundaries of the certificated area in Newton County, consisting of 12 sections.

7. Attached hereto and marked as Appendix C is a summary of the plans and specifications for the project including the estimated cost of construction and estimated revenues during the first three years. No particular external financing is anticipated for construction related

to these areas. Construction methods will follow MGE's customary standards and the rules of the Commission.

8. Attached hereto and marked as Appendix D is a list of ten persons residing in or who are landowners within the proposed service area.

9. The Crossroads Center Distribution and Business Park is currently under development in conjunction with the Industrial Development Authority of the City of Joplin, Missouri (JIDA). JIDA has requested that MGE provide gas service to this developing area which is designed for light manufacturing, distribution and commercial operations. The Crossroads Business Park is located in Jasper County within an area where MGE currently holds a certificate for gas service from the Commission. However, MGE has determined that in order to provide natural gas service to the Crossroads Business Park, the most efficient and economical method would be to construct approximately 3.5 miles of new gas line north from a tap on an interstate pipeline to reach this area. Because MGE does not have a certificate from the Commission for the area between the tap and the Crossroads Business Park through which this new line would be constructed, it is necessary for MGE to obtain the requisite permission from the Commission.

10. Applicant will not require any additional franchises or permits from municipalities, counties, or other authorities in connection with the proposed construction other than the usual and customary state highway, railroad and county road permits which will be obtained prior to construction.

11. Applicant's existing rates and regulations for natural gas service contained in its tariff, as the same may be allowed to change from time to time pursuant to law, will apply to service in the proposed area.

12. The area in which MGE is seeking to be certificated hereby is expected to develop and require natural gas service. Service from a Commission-regulated supplier is not available in these areas at the present time. The construction of this line in order to serve facilities within MGE's existing certificated area may also contribute to future economic development in the proposed area. Since MGE has the ability to provide service in these areas by construction of additions to existing facilities, MGE believes that potential new customers should be afforded the opportunity to take service from MGE if they so desire, pursuant to MGE's extension rule. In addition, this extension will allow MGE to provide natural gas service to new tenants in the Crossroads Business Park, as MGE has been requested to do by JDIA.

13. No gas transmission lines are required to be constructed as a part of this application.

WHEREFORE, Applicant requests an order from the Commission granting it a certificate of convenience and necessity to construct, install, own, operate, control, manage, and maintain a system for the provision of natural gas service to the public pursuant to its approved rates, rules and regulations, in the requested new area of Newton County, Missouri.

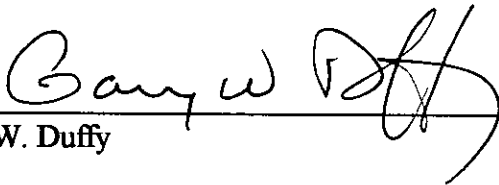
Respectfully submitted,



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Attorneys for Missouri Gas Energy

Certificate of Service

The undersigned certifies that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served by hand delivery on the Office of the Public Counsel and the General Counsel this 10th day of January, 2000.



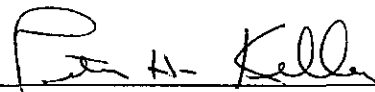
Gary W. Duffy

VERIFICATION

STATE OF TEXAS)
) ss
COUNTY OF TRAVIS)


On the 4th day of January, 2000, before me appeared Peter H. Kelley, to me personally known, who, being by me first duly sworn, states that he is the President of Southern Union Company and acknowledged that he had read the above and foregoing document and believes that the allegations therein are true and correct to the best of his information, knowledge and belief, and that the above designated attorneys are authorized to file said application on behalf of Southern Union Company.

I further state that Southern Union Company has received the required consent of the proper municipal authorities involved in this application.



Peter H. Kelley

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 4th day of January, 2000.



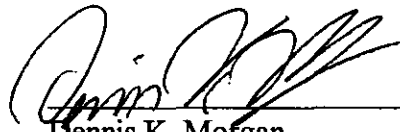
Notary Public
My Commission expires: 1/27/2003




VERIFICATION

STATE OF TEXAS)
) ss
COUNTY OF TRAVIS)

On the 17th day of January, 2000, before me appeared Dennis K. Morgan, to me personally known, who, being by me first duly sworn, states that he is the Secretary of Southern Union Company and stated that Southern Union Company has received the required consent of the proper municipal authorities involved in this application.


Dennis K. Morgan

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 17th day of January, 2000.


Notary Public
My Commission expires: 1/27/2003



Appendix A

Missouri Gas Energy Certification Request

MGE Proposed Territory
MGE Existing Territory



Scale 1/2" = 1 Mile



City of Joplin

Jasper County

Newton County

Crossroads Center
Business Park

Approx location of
Williams Pipeline
3.5 miles south of Business Park

T25N
T26N

Township	Range	Section
Newton County 27n	32w	22, 23, 24, 26, 27
Newton County 27n	32w	28, 33, 34, 35
Newton County 26n	32w	2, 3, 4

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<i>T. McGill</i>	<i>T. McGill</i>		
DATE:	SCALE:	HQ#:	
<i>01/04/2000</i>	<i>1/2" = 5.280'</i>		



MISSOURI GAS ENERGY

ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT
3420 BROADWAY
KANSAS CITY, MO, 64111

*Jasper & Newton Counties
Missouri Gas Energy
Certification Request*

DISTRICT NO:

SHEET NO:

MISSOURI GAS ENERGY
APPLICATION OF CERTIFICATE OF CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY
Metes And Bounds

<u>TOWNSHIP</u>	<u>RANGE</u>	<u>SECTIONS</u>
NEWTON COUNTY	T 27 n R 32 w	22, 23, 24, 26, 27,
	T 27 n R 32 w	28, 33, 34, 35
	T 26 n R 32 w	2, 3, 4

MISSOURI GAS ENERGY
APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATE OF CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY
Plans and Specifications

- I. Pipe Specifications:
Pipe will be polyethylene plastic or steel as needed. Specifications of pipe are included in MGE's Standards and Procedures on file with the MoPSC Pipeline Safety Division.

- II. Welding Specifications and Inspection of Welds:
Welding specifications and inspection standards are included in MGE's Standards and Procedures on file with the MoPSC Pipeline Safety Division.

- III. Corrosion Control:
Corrosion control requirements are included in MGE's Standards and Procedures on file with the MoPSC Pipeline Safety Division.

- IV. MAOP:
MAOP specifications are included in MGE's Standards and Procedures on file with the MoPSC Pipeline Safety Division.

- V. Pressure Testing:
MAOP specifications are included in MGE's Standards and Procedures on file with the MoPSC Pipeline Safety Division.
Main and services will be tested at 1 1/2 times operating pressure.

MISSOURI GAS ENERGY
APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATE OF CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY
Estimated Cost of Construction

<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Main Installation	
19,225' of 8" Steel Main	\$ 825,945
 Service Line Installation	
170' of 2" Plastic Service Line	1,540
 Rotary Meters	5,000
 District Regulator Station	16,342
 Odorizer	4,997
 Town Border Station	<u>33,663</u>
 Total Estimated Cost	\$ 887,487
 Customer Deposit	<u>(674,532)</u>
 Net Cost	<u><u>\$ 212,955</u></u>

MISSOURI GAS ENERGY
APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATE OF CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY
Projection of Revenues and Expenses

		<u>Year 1</u>	<u>Year 2</u>	<u>Year 3</u>
<u>Revenue</u>	1)	<u>\$ 23,475</u>	<u>\$ 23,475</u>	<u>\$ 23,475</u>
<u>Expenses</u>		<u>Year 1</u>	<u>Year 2</u>	<u>Year 3</u>
Oper. & Maint.		1,309	1,309	1,309
Depreciation		4,135	4,135	4,135
Property Tax		<u>3,828</u>	<u>3,753</u>	<u>3,677</u>
Total		<u>\$ 9,273</u>	<u>\$ 9,197</u>	<u>\$ 9,121</u>

1) Rates as approved in GR-98-140.

MISSOURI GAS ENERGY
APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATE OF CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY
Listing of Landowners

George R. and Twilla Jean Brown
19876 Fir Road
Joplin, MO 64801

Glenn D. & Dorothy M. Wilson
13750 Aspen Road
Joplin, MO 64804

Virginia L. Brown
13511 Aspen Road
Joplin, MO 64840

Jimmy Wayne & Karen L. Pyron
3000 Kodiak Road
Joplin, MO 64840

George B. & Mary Margaret Hubbard
1896 Kodiak Road
Joplin, MO 64840

Damon C. & Evelyn H. Schroter
3114 Kodiak Road
Joplin, MO 64840

Dorothy Wilson
Route 8, Box 346
Joplin, MO 64801

Charles L. & Rebecca L. Forest
3420 Kodiak Road
Neosho, MO 64850

Mark E. & Elizabeth A. Sappington
3384 Kodiak Road
Joplin, MO 64850

Robert & Kristy Dalton
12842 Birch Dr.
Diamond, MO 64840