

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
JEFFERSON CITY
January 22, 2001**

CASE NO: GE-2001-393

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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

Uncertified Copies:
To parties in Case No. GR-2001-292

OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

Case No. GE-2001-393

NOTICE AND ORDER DIRECTING FILING

Missouri Gas Energy (MGE), a division of Southern Union Company, filed an Application for Variance and Motion for Expedited Treatment on January 18, 2001. MGE requests that the Commission grant as expeditiously as possible, and preferably no later than early February 2001, a variance pursuant to Sheet No. 24.18 of its approved tariff regarding the treatment within the Purchased Gas Adjustment (PGA) of certain federal refunds and certain unauthorized use charge collections. MGE states that due to extremely cold weather conditions and high gas prices during this winter hearing season, the company seeks to use certain specified moneys for the benefit of low-income customers instead of using such funds to reduce the PGA rate prospectively for all customers by less than \$0.002 per Ccf.

MGE states that in the event the Commission approves this Application for Variance, the company will contribute an additional \$250,000 for the same purpose, making a total amount of more than \$1,000,000 available to assist low-income customers in MGE's service territory who have difficulty paying their gas bills.

The Commission finds that proper persons should be allowed to file a motion for leave to intervene. The Commission finds that notice of this application should be sent by the Commission's Records Department to the parties who participated in MGE's most recent rate case.

So that this application may be considered expeditiously, the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission will be directed to file its recommendation regarding approval or rejection of the application no later than January 29, 2001. The Office of the Public Counsel may file its recommendation regarding the application on the same date.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the Records Department of the Commission shall send notice of this application to the parties of Missouri Gas Energy's most recent rate case.

2. That any interested person wishing to intervene in this case shall file an application to intervene on or before 12:00 p.m., January 26, 2001, with:

Dale Hardy Roberts, Secretary
Missouri Public Service Commission
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and serve a copy on:

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3. That the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission shall file its recommendation regarding approval or rejection of the Application for Variance no later than January 29, 2001. The Office of the Public Counsel may file its recommendation regarding the application on the same date.

4. That this order shall become effective on January 26, 2001.

BY THE COMMISSION



Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

(S E A L)

Vicky Ruth, Regulatory Law Judge,
by delegation of authority pursuant
to Section 386.240, RSMo 1994.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 22nd day of January, 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 22nd day of Jan. 2001.

Dale Hardy Roberts

Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

