STATE OF MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION JEFFERSON CITY February 1, 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

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Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of Missouri Gas Energy's)	
Application for Variance from Sheet Nos. 24.18)	
and 61.4 to Permit the Use of Certain Federal)	Case No. GE-2001-393
Refunds and Unauthorized Use Charge Collections)	
for the Benefit of Low-Income Customers in the)	
Company's Service Area.)	

ORDER GRANTING APPLICATION FOR INTERVENTION

On January 18, 2001, Missouri Gas Energy (MGE), a division of Southern Union Company, filed an Application for Variance and Motion for Expedited Treatment. MGE requested 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. Instead of refunding these moneys to all customers as a reduction in PGA rates, MGE seeks to assign these moneys to the Mid-American Assistance Coalition (MAAC), for the specific purpose of assisting customers in MGE's service territory who are having difficulty paying their gas bills.

On January 22, 2001, the Commission issued a Notice and Order Directing Filing, directing all interested persons to file an application to intervene no later than January 26, 2001. Midwest Gas Users' Association (Midwest) filed a timely application requesting intervention.

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The Commission has reviewed the application to intervene and finds that it is in compliance with Commission rule 4 CSR 240-2.075(4). Midwest has an interest in this matter that is different from that of the general public, and granting the proposed intervention would serve the public interest. The Commission concludes that the application for intervention filed by Midwest should be granted.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

- 1. That the application to intervene of Midwest Gas Users' Association is granted.
- That this order shall become effective on February 5,

BY THE COMMISSION

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Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

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

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri, on this 1st day of February, 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 1st day of February 2001.

Dale Hardy Roberts

Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

Hak Hred Roberts