

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
JEFFERSON CITY
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CASE NO: GS-2001-216

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Enclosed find certified copy of an ORDER in the above-numbered case(s).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dale Hardy Roberts". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

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

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of Missouri Gas Energy, a)
Division of Southern Union Company,) Case No. GS-2001-216
Regarding an Incident that Occurred at)
205 East Oak Street, Warrensburg, Missouri)

ORDER ESTABLISHING CASE

On February 24, 2000, the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff) filed a motion to open a case, alleging that the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission) has the authority to establish a case for the purpose of receiving information from a public utility under its jurisdiction pursuant to Section 393.140, RSMo 1994. Staff stated that Missouri Gas Energy (MGE) is a gas corporation as defined in Section 386.020(18), RSMo Supp. 1999, and, as such, is a public utility subject to the Commission's jurisdiction under 386.020(42), RSMo Supp. 1999.

MGE provides natural gas service to a house at 205 East Oak Street, Warrensburg, Missouri, where an explosion occurred at approximately 2:47 p.m. on July 24, 2000, according to Staff. As a result of the incident, Staff stated that the house sustained moderate damage and, although there were no fatalities, an occupant of the structure sustained second-degree burns during the fire and subsequently required hospitalization. Finally, Staff stated that it has initiated a formal investigation into the incident.

Staff requested that the Commission establish a case for the purpose of receiving information, including a gas incident report, relating to the incident at 205 East Oak Street, Warrensburg, Missouri.

The Commission determines that a case should be established to receive information relevant to the above-described incident and to determine what, if any, action by the Commission is warranted. Thus, the Commission will establish case number GS-2001-216.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That case number GS-2001-216 is hereby established for the purpose of receiving a gas incident report from the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission and the response of Missouri Gas Energy thereto, pertaining to the incident which occurred on July 24, 2000, at 205 East Oak Street, Warrensburg, Missouri.

2. That the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission shall file its accident report no later than February 9, 2001.

3. That this order shall become effective on October 12, 2000.

BY THE COMMISSION



Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

(S E A L)

Bill Hopkins, Senior Regulatory Law Judge,
by delegation of authority pursuant to
Section 386.240, RSMo 1996.

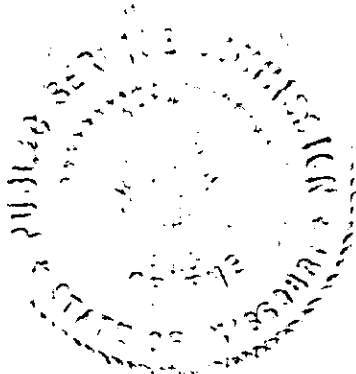
Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 2nd day of October, 2000.

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 2nd day of Oct. 2000.



Dale Hardy Roberts

Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge