

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
JEFFERSON CITY
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CASE NO: GR-2001-292

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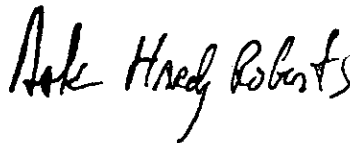
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Enclosed find certified copy of an ORDER in the above-numbered case(s).

Sincerely,



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

**Uncertified Copies:
To county commissions in MGE's service area**

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a Session of the Public Service
Commission held at its office
in Jefferson City on the 25th
day of January, 2001.

In the Matter of Tariff Revisions of Missouri)	
Gas Energy, a Division of Southern Union)	Case No. GR-2001-292
Company, Designed to Increase Rates for Natural)	Tariff Nos. 200100529
Gas Service to Customers in the Missouri Service)	200100697
Area of the Company)	

ORDER SCHEDULING LOCAL PUBLIC HEARINGS

On November 7, 2000, Missouri Gas Energy (MGE) filed proposed tariff sheets with the Commission reflecting increased rates for natural gas service. Those tariffs were assigned case number GR-2001-292. On November 27, the Commission suspended MGE's proposed tariffs. On January 17, 2001, the Commission adopted a procedural schedule that set this case for evidentiary hearing on June 25-29, 2001. That procedural schedule also provided that Local Public Hearings would be conducted on May 2 and 3, 2001.

The Commission will conduct local public hearings in Kansas City, Blue Springs, St. Joseph, Monett, and Joplin at times and locations specified in this order. Direct notice of the local public hearings shall be sent by MGE, by an imprint on the customer's monthly billing statement, billing insert, first class letter, or postcard, to each of the Company's residential and commercial customers at least ten (10) days, but not more than 45 days prior to the local public hearing date. If MGE provides notice by imprint on the customer's monthly billing statement, the notice shall be printed on a portion of the billing statement that does not need to be returned with the customer's payment. The direct notice to customers

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sent by MGE shall prominently state the time, date, and location of the local public hearing. The language contained in the notice shall be as directed by the Commission in its order of January 17, 2001.

The Commission will direct the Commission's Information Officer to send notice of the local public hearing to radio stations, television stations, and publishers of each newspaper located in MGE's service area, as listed in the newspaper directory of the current Official Manual of the State of Missouri, and to members of the General Assembly representing customers in MGE's service area. The Commission will also direct the Records Department of the Commission to serve a copy of this order upon the county commission of each county within MGE's service area.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That local public hearings are scheduled at the following locations and times:

Wednesday, May 2, 2001
12:00 p.m.
Jackson County Parks & Recreation
Fleming Hall
21906 Woods Chapel Road
Blue Springs, Missouri

Wednesday, May 2, 2001
6:00 p.m.
Jackson County Courthouse
Kansas City Legislative Assembly Area
415 E. 12th Street
Kansas City, Missouri

Wednesday, May 2, 2001
6:00 p.m.
City Hall
City Council Chambers
11th & Frederick
St. Joseph, Missouri

Thursday, May 3, 2001
3:00 p.m.
City of Monett
Casino Building, South Park
Hwy 37 & 60
Monett, Missouri

Thursday, May 3, 2001
6:30 p.m.
Missouri Southern State College
Matthews Hall Auditorium
3950 E. Newman Road
Joplin, Missouri

2. That the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission shall be available at the locations as stated above, one hour prior to the hearing, in order to provide neutral information about the issues to be considered by the Commission in the contested case proceeding. The purpose of these presentations is to inform and prepare the public so that the public may better make use of the local public hearings.

3. That the Records Department and Information Office of the Commission shall serve copies of this order and provide notice as described in this order.

4. That Missouri Gas Energy shall send notice, as directed in this order, to each of the company's residential and commercial customers at least ten (10) days, but not more than 45 days, prior to the first day of the local public hearings.

5. The local public hearings will be held in buildings that meet accessibility standards required by the Americans with Disabilities Act. Any person needing additional accommodations to participate in this hearing may call the Public Service Commission's Hotline at 1-800-392-4211 (voice) or 1-800-829-7541 (TDD) prior to the hearing.

6. That this order shall become effective on February 2, 2001.

BY THE COMMISSION

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

Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

(S E A L)

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

Woodruff, Senior Regulatory Law Judge

ALJ/Sec'y: Woodruff/Bayer
Date Circulated 1-24 CASE NO. CR-2001-292
Lumpke, Chair SL
Draner, Vice Chair MD
Murray, Commissioner CM
Schemenauer, Commissioner SL
Simmons, Commissioner KS
Agenda Date 1-25
Action taken: 5-0 AS
Must Vote Not Later Than _____

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 25th day of Jan. 2001.

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

