STATE OF MISSOURI **PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION JEFFERSON CITY** February 27, 2001

CASE NO: GR-2001-292

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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

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DEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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)

Gas Service to Customers in the Missouri Service)

Area of the Company)

ORDER GRANTING THE CITY OF KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI'S APPLICATION TO INTERVENE OUT OF TIME

On February 14, 2001, the City of Kansas City, Missouri (Kansas City) filed an application to intervene and become a party in this case. Kansas City's application indicates that it is a large user of natural gas supplied by Missouri Gas Energy (MGE) and also administers a Weatherization Program with the cooperation and assistance of MGE and the Missouri Department of Housing and Community Development Home Weatherization Program. Kansas City asserts that it has a direct and substantial interest in this proceeding that is different from that of the general public. Kansas City states that granting its request to intervene would serve the public interest.

Kansas City filed its application to intervene substantially after December 18, 2000, which was the date established by the Commission for intervention. Kansas City asserts that its delay in filing for intervention should be excused because, while notice of the case was received by the City, the notice did not reach the office of the City Attorney until after the deadline for intervention had passed. Kansas City asserts that its delay in filing its application to intervene will not cause or contribute to any delay, nor will it prejudice or harm any party.



4 CSR 240-2.080(16) provides that a party is allowed not more than ten days from the date of filing to respond to any pleading unless otherwise ordered by the Commission. No party has filed a response to Kansas City's application to intervene.

The Commission has reviewed the Kansas City's application to intervene and finds that it is in compliance with Commission rule 4 CSR 240-2.075(4) and that Kansas City has an interest in this matter that is different from that of the general public. The Commission also finds that Kansas City has shown good cause to permit it to intervene out of time. The Commission concludes that Kansas City's application for intervention should be granted.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

- 1. That the Application to Intervene Out of Time filed by the City of Kansas City, Missouri, is granted.
 - 2. That this order shall become effective on March 9, 2001.

BY THE COMMISSION

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Dale Hardy Roberts

Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

(SEAL)

Morris L. Woodruff, Senior Regulatory Law Judge, by delegation of authority pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri, on this 27th 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 27th day of February 2001.

Dale Hardy Roberts

Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge