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RE: Case No. GR-2001-292, Missouri Gas Energy

Dear Mr. Roberts:

Enclosed for filing with the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission") are an original and five (5) copies of the Experimental Low Income tariff sheets for Missouri Gas Energy ("MGE" or "Company"), a division of Southern Union Company ("Southern Union"). These sheets are being filed to comply with the Commission's Report and Order in Case No. GR-2001-292 et al., and are designed to provide up to 1,000 participants in the Joplin area with fixed credit on their monthly MGE bill for a period up to twenty-four months.

Each of the revised sheets listed below bears an issue date of October 1, 2001, and a proposed effective date of November 1, 2001.

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A copy of this filing has been mailed or hand-delivered this date to counsel of record.

Please bring this compliance filing to the attention of the Commission and the appropriate Commission personnel. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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EXPERIMENTAL LOW INCOME RATE (ELIR)

GENERAL

The Experimental Low Income Rate (ELIR) was approved by the Commission in Case No. GR-2001-292. The ELIR will, on a pilot basis, provide up to 1,000 participants in the Joplin area with a fixed credit on their monthly MGE bill (ELIR credit). Participants taking service under the ELIR shall receive the ELIR credit for a period up to twenty-four months from the billing cycle designated by MGE as the participant's first for the ELIR until the billing cycle designated as the participant's last for the ELIR.

DEFINITIONS

Low-income residential customer – An MGE customer receiving service under the RS rate (Tariff Sheet No. 25) who is classified as low-income by the Missouri Department of Social Services.

Applicant – A low-income residential customer who submits an ELIR application form for the ELIR credit.

Participant – An applicant who agrees to the terms of the ELIR and is accepted by MGE.

AVAILABILITY

Service under this rate schedule shall be available to up to one thousand participants in the Joplin area who satisfy the following criteria:

1. Applicant must be an MGE individual residential customer using natural gas for space heating and receiving service under the RS rate.
2. Applicant's annual income must be verified initially and annually thereafter as being no greater than 100 percent of the federal poverty level.

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3. For purposes of determining the level of the ELIR credit to be received, the applicants will be categorized as follows:
 - a. Group A –Applicants whose annual income has been verified as being from 0 to 50 percent of the federal poverty level.
 - b. Group B –Applicants whose annual income has been verified as being from 51 to 100 percent of the federal poverty level.
4. Applicants shall be required to enroll in MGE's ABC Plan (Average Bill Calculation Plan, Tariff Sheet Nos. R-47 – R-48B) with adjustments to said plan limited to once per year.
5. Applicants who have outstanding arrearages shall enter special pay agreements through which the arrearages shall be paid over a period of 12, 24 or 30 months mutually agreed to by both the Company and the Applicant.
6. Applicants shall agree to an interview or questionnaire related to their energy use. Any information provided in these interviews or questionnaires that is later made public will not be associated with the applicant's name.
7. Any provision of the Company's rules and regulations applicable to the Company's RS customers will also apply to ELIR participants.

ENERGY ASSISTANCE

1. Applicants who have not previously completed an application for a LIHEAP ("Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program") grant agree to apply for a LIHEAP grant when such grants become available.
2. Applicants agree to apply for any other energy assistance programs, if available, as referred to by the Company.

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CREDIT AMOUNT

Participants in the ELIR will receive the ELIR credit for which the participant qualifies for up to 24 months so long as the participant continues to meet the requirements of the ELIR tariff.

Up to 1,000 participants shall receive the ELIR credit in the following amounts:

Group A - Up to a maximum of \$40 per month (not to exceed the participant's fixed monthly ABC payment).

Group B - Up to a maximum of \$20 per month (not to exceed the participant's fixed monthly ABC payment).

DISCONTINUANCE AND REINSTATEMENT

MGE may discontinue a participant's ELIR credit for any of the following reasons:

1. If MGE determines the participant no longer meets the guidelines set forth in this tariff.
2. If the participant submits a written request to MGE asking that the ELIR credit be discontinued.
3. If the participant does not keep current with ABC payments.
4. If the participant does not keep current with arrearage payments.
5. If the participant does not fulfill the terms of the ELIR application or the ELIR tariff.
6. If the participant does not conform to MGE's RS rules and regulations, and as a result the participant has RS service discontinued by MGE.

Reinstatement of the ELIR credit will be at the discretion of MGE.

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MISAPPLICATION OF THE ELIR CREDIT

Providing incorrect information to the agency to obtain the ELIR credit shall constitute a misapplication of the ELIR credit. If this occurs MGE may discontinue the ELIR credit and rebill the account for the amount of all ELIR credits received by the participant. However, nothing in this experimental tariff shall be interpreted as limiting MGE's rights under any provisions of any applicable law or tariff.

OTHER CONDITIONS

ELIR participation and the overall ELIR program shall be designed so that MGE neither profits from nor incurs losses. Projected expenditures on the program should equal the projected revenue from the 24-month \$0.08/month surcharge on the RS customers (Tariff Sheet 25). The program will be designed so that Group A will have at least 200 participants and similarly Group B will have at least 200 participants. MGE will gather participant data on usage, arrears, payments and other relevant factors, which will be combined with the data provided by the agency, to enable the evaluation of the program. MGE shall make non-confidential data, as well as any and all program evaluations that are conducted, available to interested parties. If any actual surcharge revenue in excess of actual program expenses remains at the end of the ELIR program and evaluation, MGE shall contribute an amount equal to the surplus revenue to the Mid America Assistance Coalition.

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