

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application of Missouri Gas Energy,)
a Division of Southern Union Company, for a Certificate)
of Public Convenience and Necessity Authorizing it to)
Construct, Install, Own, Operate, Control, Manage and) **Case No. GA-2007-0289, et al.**
Maintain a Natural Gas Distribution System to Provide)
Gas Service in Platte County, Missouri, as an Expansion)
of its Existing Certified Area)

ORDER GRANTING STAFF AN EXTENSION OF TIME TO EVALUATE COMPLIANCE FILINGS

Issue Date: June 24, 2008

Effective Date: June 24, 2008

On February 14, 2008,¹ the Commission issued its final Report and Order in this matter bearing an effective date of February 24. In ordered paragraph 8 of that order, the Commission directed Missouri Gas Energy ("MGE") and The Empire District Gas Company to file revised tariff sheets identifying which types of certificates they have (i.e. transport, line, or service area certificates) in all of the areas in which they hold any type of certificate to provide any type of natural gas service. The Commission set a deadline of May 26 for the filing of the revised tariff sheets.²

On May 20, in its attempt to comply with the Commission's order, MGE submitted proposed revisions to its P.S.C. MO. No. 1, tariff sheets. The filing was assigned Tariff Tracking No. YG-2008-0691 and the revised tariff sheets bear an effective date of June 20.

¹ All dates throughout this order reference the year 2008 unless otherwise noted.

² See *Order Setting Deadline for Tariff Filings*, issued February 26, 2008.

On May 23, in its attempt to comply with the Commission's order, Empire submitted proposed revisions to its P.S.C. MO. No. 2, tariff sheets. The filing was assigned Tariff Tracking No. YG-2008-0703 and the revised tariff sheets bear an effective date of June 22.

The Commission directed its Staff to review the revised tariff sheets and file a report and recommendation as to whether MGE and Empire were in compliance with the Commission's Report and Order with regard to revising their tariff sheets. On June 6, Staff filed a motion for an extension of time to complete its recommendations concerning these compliance tariffs. Staff states that extensive review is required in order for it to provide its recommendations and Staff requests that the deadline for the recommendations be extended until July 18.

Because Staff requested an extension beyond the effective dates of the submitted tariffs, and because Staff did not request the Commission to suspend the tariffs while it completed its evaluation, the Commission directed MGE and Empire to respond to Staff's request. MGE and Empire both responded and voluntarily extended the effective dates of their compliance tariff filings so that Staff could have its requested extension of time.

MGE extended the effective date of its tariff until August 1 and Empire extended the effective date of its tariff until July 22. With the effective dates extended, the Commission shall grant Staff's request; however, the given that Empire's extension is only until July 22, the Commission will only grant Staff an extension of time for its recommendation until July 15 so it has sufficient time to suspend any tariff that is not in compliance with the February 14 Report and Order.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. The Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission's Motion for Extension of Time to File Staff Recommendations Regarding Compliance Tariff Filings, is hereby granted.
2. The Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission shall file its report and recommendation regarding the compliance tariff filings, as fully described in the body of this order, no later than July 15, 2008.
3. This order shall become effective on June 24, 2008.

BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Colleen M. Dale', written over a horizontal line.

Colleen M. Dale
Secretary

(S E A L)

Harold Stearley, Regulatory Law Judge,
by delegation of authority pursuant to
Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 24th day of June, 2008.