

**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 Convenience and Necessity,                     )  
Authorizing it to Construct, Install, Own,                     )  
Operate, Control, Manage, and Maintain a                     )  
Natural Gas Distribution System to                     )  
Provide Gas Service in Greene County,                     )  
Missouri, as an Expansion of Its Existing                     )  
Certified Area.                     )

Case No. GA-2004-0241

**JOINT MOTION TO EXTEND FILING DEADLINE FOR PROPOSED PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE**

COME NOW Missouri Gas Energy, a Division of Southern Union Company ("MGE"), the City of Springfield, Missouri, through the Board of Public Utilities ("City Utilities"), the Staff ("Staff") of the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission") and the Office of the Public Counsel ("Public Counsel"), and respectfully state as follows:

1. On December 2, 2003, MGE, filed with the Commission, pursuant to Section 393.170, RSMo, 2000, 4 CSR 240-2.060 and 4CSR 240-3.205, an Application for a certificate of convenience and necessity to construct, install, own, operate, control, manage, and maintain a system for the provision of natural gas service to the public under its approved rates, rules, and regulations in an area that is Section 31, Township 30 North, Range 22 West, in Greene County, Missouri.

2. On December 24, 2003, City Utilities filed an application to intervene.

3. In an order issued on January 8, 2004, the Commission granted intervenor status to City Utilities, set a prehearing conference for January 15, 2004, and directed the parties to jointly prepare and file a proposed procedural schedule by January 22, 2004.

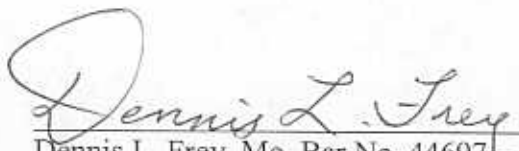
4. The parties to this proceeding are desirous of pursuing settlement discussions at this time and believe that a modest extension of the filing deadline for the proposed procedural

schedule from January 22 to January 29, 2004 would facilitate an efficient and orderly processing of this case.

WHEREFORE, the parties respectfully request that the Commission issue an Order extending to January 29, 2004, the deadline for filing a proposed procedural schedule in this proceeding.

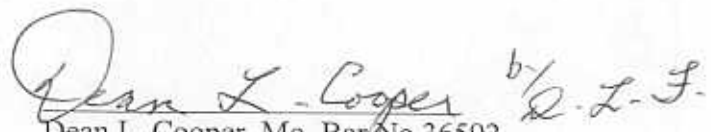
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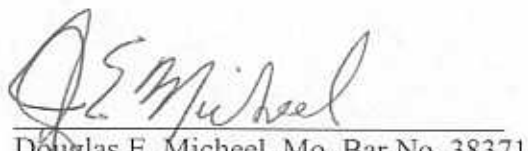
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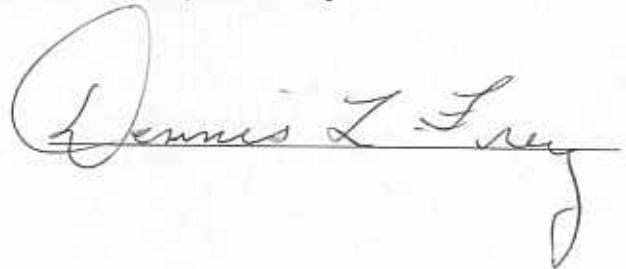
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I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand-delivered, or transmitted by facsimile or electronic mail to all counsel of record this 21st day of January 2004.

Handwritten signature of Dennis L. Frey in cursive script, written over a horizontal line.