

**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)	

**JOINT REQUEST OF MISSOURI GAS ENERGY AND THE EMPIRE DISTRICT GAS
COMPANY FOR ADDITIONAL TIME**

COME NOW Missouri Gas Energy (MGE) and The Empire District Gas Company (EDG), and for their request for additional time to respond to the Staff's July 15, 2008 recommendation state as follows:

1. On July 17, 2008 the Commission ordered MGE and EDG to file responses to Staff's recommendation no later than August 4, 2008.
2. Since that Order, MGE has held discussions with Staff regarding Staff's recommendation and the potential resolution of Staff's issues regarding MGE's tariff.
3. MGE requests an additional month to continue its discussions with Staff.
4. Since the Commission suspended MGE's tariff until October 1, 2008, granting MGE's request will not cause delay to this docket.
5. Since the July 17 Order, EDG has also had discussions with Staff and some potentially new matters have arisen as a result of those discussions and the Commission's Order. Therefore, EDG requests an additional month to prepare and file its response to Staff's recommendation. Since the Commission suspended EDG's tariff until October 1, 2008, granting this request will not cause any delay.

6. MGE and EDG have discussed this motion with Staff and Staff indicated that it has no objection to the additional time. MGE and EDG were not able to reach the Office of Public Counsel to discuss this motion.

WHEREFORE, for the above reasons, MGE and EDG respectfully request that the Commission issue an order changing the date of MGE's and EDG's responses to Staff's recommendations to September 4, 2008.

Respectfully submitted,

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The undersigned certifies that a true and correct copy of the foregoing document was emailed to counsel of record this 25th day of July, 2008:

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