

**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**  
Maintain a Natural Gas Distribution System to Provide )  
Gas Service in Platte County, Missouri, as an Expansion )  
of Its Existing Certified Area )

**ORDER GRANTING MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Issue Date: March 5, 2007

Effective Date: March 5, 2007

On February 2, 2007,<sup>1</sup> the Commission issued notice and set an intervention deadline in this matter. On February 21, The Empire District Gas Company (“Empire”) filed a timely application to intervene. Pursuant to Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.080(15), Missouri Gas Energy (“MGE”) would, unless the Commission otherwise ordered, have ten days to respond to Empire’s request to intervene. Consequently, MGE’s response, without further order of the Commission, would be due on March 5.

On March 3, MGE filed a motion for additional time to respond to Empire’s intervention request. MGE states that it recently hired outside counsel to assist in this matter and that outside counsel needs additional time to review Empire’s request and respond. MGE requests that it be allowed until March 9 to respond. MGE further states that Empire has no objection to the extension of time.

The Commission finds MGE’s request reasonable, and will grant it.

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<sup>1</sup> All dates throughout this order refer to the year 2007 unless otherwise noted.

**IT IS ORDERED THAT:**

1. The Motion for Extension of Time filed by Missouri Gas Energy is granted.
2. No later than March 9, 2007, Missouri Gas Energy shall file its response to

The Empire District Gas Company's request to intervene.

3. This order shall become effective on March 5, 2007.

**BY THE COMMISSION**



Colleen M. Dale  
Secretary

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

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,  
on this 5th day of March, 2007.