

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

The Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission,	)	
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Complainant,	)	
	)	
v.	)	<b><u>Case No. GC-2008-0026</u></b>
	)	
Missouri Gas Energy, a Division of Southern Union Company,	)	
	)	
	)	
Respondent.	)	
In the Matter of Missouri Gas Energy Company	)	
Concerning a Natural Gas Incident at 1706 Smith Street, Blue Springs, Missouri	)	<b><u>Case No. GS-2007-0381</u></b>
	)	

**ORDER CONSOLIDATING CASES  
AND GRANTING EXTENSION OF TIME**

Issue Date: August 20, 2007

Effective Date: August 20, 2007

On August 16, 2007, Missouri Gas Energy, a division of Southern Union Company, filed a motion to consolidate the above-captioned cases. Case No. GS-2007-0381 is the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission's investigation of a gas safety incident, and Case No. GC-2008-0026 is a Complaint filed by Staff concerning the same incident. Because these cases involve the same incident, and therefore, the same questions of law and fact, MGE states that it would be administratively expedient to consolidate the cases.

MGE also indicates that it has a response and answer due in the referenced matters on August 22, 2007, and August 25, 2007, respectively. Further, answers to data requests

served by MGE on Staff regarding the Complaint, are due on August 24, 2007. Thus, MGE seeks an extension of time, until September 14, 2007, for filing its response and answer. MGE states that there is no objection to the consolidation or extension from Staff.

Commission rule 4 CSR 240-2.110(3) allows the Commission to consolidate pending actions involving related questions of law or fact. The Commission has considered MGE's Motion to Consolidate Cases and finds that the issues in these cases are clearly related and that it is reasonable to consolidate the cases for all purposes. Case No. GC-2008-0026 shall be designated as the lead case and hereafter, all pleadings filed in the consolidated case shall be filed only in GC-2008-0026.

In addition, the Commission finds that the request for an extension of time is reasonable. MGE shall be directed to file its answer to the complaint, as well as its response to Staff's Report, no later than September 14, 2007.

**IT IS ORDERED THAT:**

1. The Motion for Consolidation and Motion for Extension filed on August 16, 2007, by Missouri Gas Energy, a division of Southern Union Company, is granted.
2. Case Nos. GS-2007-0381 and GC-2008-0026 are consolidated. Case No. GC-2008-0026 is designated as the lead case.
3. Missouri Gas Energy, a division of Southern Union Company, shall file its answer no later than September 14, 2007.
4. Missouri Gas Energy, a division of Southern Union Company, shall file a response to the July 23, 2007 Staff Report no later than September 14, 2007.

5. This order shall become effective on August 20, 2007.

**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 )

Nancy Dippell, Deputy Chief Regulatory  
Law Judge, by delegation of authority  
pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,  
on this 20th day of August, 2007.