

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

Office of the Public Counsel,	)	
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Complainant,	)	
	)	<b>File No. GC-2011-0339</b>
v.	)	
	)	
Southern Union Company, d/b/a/	)	
Missouri Gas Energy,	)	
	)	
Respondent.	)	

**STAFF’S REQUEST TO SCHEDULE A PREHEARING  
CONFERENCE IN LIEU OF  
FILING RESPONSE TO MISSOURI GAS ENERGY’S  
ANSWER AND MOTION TO DISMISS**

**COMES NOW** Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff), by and through Staff Counsel’s Office, and for its *Request to Schedule a Prehearing Conference In Lieu of Filing Response to Missouri Gas Energy’s Answer and Motion to Dismiss* states as follows:

1. On May 18, 2011, the Missouri Public Service Commission issued an *Order Directing Filing* requesting the Office of Public Counsel and Staff to respond to MGE’s *Answer and Motion to Dismiss* by June 2, 2011. Staff requests that the Commission excuse Staff from responding at this time.

2. Instead, based on Staff’s view that a prehearing conference may be productive in narrowing the issues, if not resulting in actual settlement, Staff requests the Commission order a prehearing conference.

3. No party disagrees with this request.

4. The parties request the Commission issue its order scheduling a prehearing conference the week of June 13, 2011, so the parties may determine if a settlement is possible.

**WHEREFORE,** Staff respectfully requests this Commission excuse Staff from the June 2, 2011 Response filing and order a prehearing conference the week of June 13, 2011.

Respectfully submitted,

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand-delivered, transmitted by facsimile or electronically mailed to all counsel of record this 31<sup>st</sup> day of May, 2011.

/s/ Jaime N. Ott