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

In the Matter of Southern Union	)	
Company d/b/a Missouri Gas Energy's	)	File No. GT-2012-0170
Tariff Sheets Designed to Implement	)	
an Experimental Pilot Program	)	

#### **NOTICE REGARDING EX PARTE COMMUNICATION**

Issue Date: January 20, 2012

On January 20, 2012, I received the attached correspondence from Robert J. Hack, Chief Operating Office of Missouri Gas Energy.

The Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission") has promulgated rules denoted as the "Standards of Conduct" at 4 CSR 240-4.010 and 4.020. Section 4 CSR 240-4.20 specifically deals with Ex Parte and Extra-Record Communication Rules. This notice is filed in accordance with the rule.

Respectfully submitted,

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Kevin D. Gunn Chairman

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri, on this 20<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2012.



ROBERT J. HACK CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER

January 16, 2012

Chairman Kevin Gunn Missouri Public Service Commission Governor Office Building 200 Madison Street Jefferson City, Missouri 65101

#### Dear Chairman Gunn:

I am pleased to summarize efforts we have undertaken to increase awareness of and stimulate participation in MGE's *Rebuild Joplin* energy-efficiency rebate program which became effective on December 9, 2011 due to action by the Missouri Public Service Commission. Following a campaign during the holiday season designed to reinforce MGE's commitment to Joplin, on January 9, 2012 MGE launched a multi-media campaign (print media, TV and radio, along with direct mail – examples of which are enclosed with this letter) designed to reach over 80% of Joplin-area adults to advertise the availability of *Rebuild Joplin* energy-efficiency rebates.

MGE recognizes the hardships facing the people of Joplin since the tornado last May and is doing its best to help. In addition to the tariffed rebates offered by MGE for installation of energy-efficient natural gas appliances, MGE is pleased to advise that Rinnai and York have agreed to offer additional rebates on the purchase and installation of certain qualifying York (furnaces) and Rinnai (water heaters) energy-efficient appliances by Joplin-area customers of MGE.

These additional rebate offerings to Joplin-area MGE customers by Rinnai and York sweeten the pot and leverage the instant MGE rebates available through MGE's network of Preferred Professionals who offer MGE customers the benefit of instant rebates without the hassle of filling out forms and applying.

A Joplin-area family taking advantage of MGE's *Rebuild Joplin* energy-efficiency rebates and rebuilding under the Energy Star New Home program offered by both MGE and Empire District Electric Company can expect to save \$3,400 in installation costs, as detailed below:

MGE water heater rebates up to	\$400
MGE central heating unit rebates up to	\$600
MGE programmable thermostat rebates	\$25
York's Joplin rebate for qualified furnaces	\$300
Rinnai's Joplin rebate for qualified water heaters	\$75
Total available instantly at install	\$1,400
MGE & Empire Energy Star rated new home construction	\$2,000
Total savings available in Joplin and Newton Counties	\$3,400

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Of course, these installation cost savings are just the first savings to be experienced by these customers because these energy-efficiency efforts will produce ongoing savings in the form of lower utility bills for many years to come.

We are confident that the people of Joplin will see tangible and lasting benefits from the *Rebuild Joplin* program. Please let me know if you have questions or would like additional information.

Sincerely.

Enclosure

cc: Office of The Public Counsel General Counsel's Office

# Rebuild Joplin Joplin Globe 1/8 page



### Rebuild Joplin

TV Script:30

Visuals:

Pan the sky and house (blue-backed artwork). House is dark

Hold on blue-green Energy Sense logo for an instant. Logo moves out of sky and into the front door. House windows light up. Smokes begins coming out of chimney

House shifts to left side of screen

On-screen copy:

REBUILD JOPLIN TOGETHER

BetterHeatingNow.com/Joplin

(keep at bottom of screen)

Female Voice over:

Let's rebuild Joplin Together!

Whether building new or simply replacing inefficient appliances, MGE wants you to come back home to the comfort of natural gas.

**Get** thousands in combined rebates offered by MGE, York, Rinnai and Empire.

Save on your purchase and installation of energy saving furnaces, water heaters and energy efficient new home construction

## Rebuild Joplin

Radio Script: 60

In this time of new opportunity, Missouri Gas Energy says "Let's rebuild Joplin Together!"

As we all work to rebuild Joplin together, MGE is committed to helping you find greener, money-saving options on energy efficient construction, furnaces and water heaters.

Get thousands in special Rebuild Joplin Rebates and partner rebates by purchasing and installing energy-efficient furnaces and water heaters for your home, small business or property in Jasper and Newton Counties. And if you are building get additional rebates for committing to energy-efficient new home construction.

That's right you can now get thousands in combined rebates from MGE, York, Rinnai and Empire. Log onto *BetterHeatingNow dot com slash Joplin* to find out how you may qualify and check out the special rebate options available to Joplinarea home owners, property owners and small business owners.

Whether you are rebuilding, building new or simply replacing old inefficient appliances, MGE wants you to *come back home* to the comfort of natural gas.

Act now and save now with thousands of dollars in Rebuild Joplin rebates. Go to **BetterHeatingNow dot com slash Joplin.....** and come back home to MGE – and the lasting comfort and efficiency of natural gas.

## Rebuild Joplin

Direct Mail - front



# Rebuild Joplin Direct Mail - back

# MGE Announces: Rebuild Joplin Rebates

Helping families in Jasper and Newton counties get energy-efficient homes and businesses to save dollars and energy for years to come. Whether you are re building new or just replacing old equipment MGE wants to help you with quicker, better and greener options.



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STACK UP THE SPECIAL SAVINGS FOR JOPLIN AREA:

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Total available instantly at install	\$1,400

PLUS, MORE SAVINGS AVAILABLE FOR NEW HOMES UNDER CONSTRUCTION MGE & Empire Energy Star rated new home construction..........\$2,000

TOTAL SAVINGS AVAILABLE NOW .......\$3,400

Find out how to save NOW and for the future at BetterHeatingNow.com/Joplin





Note: Savings indicated are based on qualified equipment and the Energy Star New Home Program. Future energy savings can be calculated at BetterHealthgNow com using the Energy Calculator Nork, Ritmal and Empire logics used with permission. MCE contributes \$800 of the \$2,000 available for Energy Star New Home. Specifics on how to take advantage of the all the rebates and qualification details are provided at BetterHealthgNow.com/Jophin.

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Local Postal Customer



### Holiday Radio Script :30

#### HOLIDAY RADIO :30

The families of Missouri Gas Energy want to wish our neighbors in Joplin a blessed holiday season.

MGE is thankful for the gift of rebirth and renewal in our community. Our hometown employees are honored to be a part of Rebuilding Joplin Together and bringing families back home in 2012.

Missouri Gas Energy is dedicated to your comfort and safety year round.

That's our wish for Joplin, and our gift to you this very special holiday season.

# Holiday Joplin Globe Full Page

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### Joplin Preferred Professional Sales Aid

Rebuild Joplin Together with MGE

Find quicker, better and greener options and save with MGE Rebuild Joplin Rebates that make Energy Sense—whether you are re-building, renovating or just replacing old equipment.

#### Who is eligible for Rebuild Joplin Rebates from MGE?

- Missouri Gas Energy residential or small business customers in Newton and Jasper Counties
- . New builds, remodels and multi-family residences are eligible

#### Special Incentives

- Instant rebates offered by Preferred Professionals' at install—no waiting, no forms to complete
- Rebate options on furnaces, water heaters and Energy Star New Home audit

#### Easy steps to Rebuild Together rebates:

- Visit the MGE's Energy Sense website at BetterHeatingNow.com
- Select a Preferred Professional in your area from the list on the website (or ask your builder/contractor to inquire)
- Request an estimate for an energy efficient water heater and/or furnace with the MGE rebate
- 4. Get qualifying energy-saving water heater or furnace installed
- 5. Your rebate will be instantly subtracted from your install charges—instantly

#### Missouri Gas Energy Rebate Natural Gas Appliance Specifications

#### Rebuild Joplin Water Heating Rebates

PRODUCT TYPE	REBATE ELICIBILITY SPECIFICATIONS	RESATE
Tank (storags)	17 0.67 or less than 0.67	\$50
lars (strags)	EF 0.67 or less than 0.80	\$125
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#### Rebuild Joplin Combination Rebates

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PRODUCT TYPE	REBATE ELIGIBLITY SPECIFICATIONS	REBATE	
Furnish & Water Histor Helmric Link	Water Heating (F a 0.80	\$400	

For more information contact a MGE Preferred Professional contractor. BetterHeatingNow.com/Joplin

#### Rebuild Joplin Central Heating Rebates

PRODUCT TYPE	REBATE ELIGIBLITY SPECIFICATIONS	FEBATE	
umacs	ALLE 0.90 or less than 0.96	\$400	
urracii	#UE = 0.96	\$600	
Bollar	Energy Star*	\$400	
Tharmodal	Programmable freshlad with tursies or bollet	\$25	

The energy factor (EF) and the various fluir distinction of thousand pAPLE) are measured of an appliance is energy efficiency. All qualifying units are INEGY STAPP totals



