

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

In the Matter of Missouri Gas Energy,)
a Division of Southern Union)
Company, Concerning a Natural Gas)
Incident at 910 West 48th Street in)
Kansas City, Missouri.

Case No. GS-2013-0400

INTERIM PROGRESS REPORT

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff), by and through counsel, and in response to the Commission's *Order Opening File And Directing Filing* (Order), states as follows:

1. On February 27, 2013, the Commission issued its Order directing the Staff to investigate the natural gas incident which occurred on February 19, 2013, at JJ's Restaurant at 910 West 48th Street, Kansas City, Missouri, and to file interim progress reports on March 27, April 24, and May 29, 2013, and either a Gas Incident Report or a Status Report no later than June 27, 2013.

2. The Staff began its investigation into the explosion at JJ's Restaurant on February 19th, the day of the incident. Staff's investigation activities have continued since the night of February 19th and its investigation is ongoing. Staff's last on-site investigation was conducted on March 14-16, in the presence of over fifty interested parties. Staff's on-site investigations are not completed. Additional on-site investigations are being scheduled. The Staff continues to gather information about the incident from a variety of sources.

3. The area surrounding the incident site has been secured since the site was released by the Kansas City Fire Department on February 20, 2013. Access to the site is blocked by fencing, a construction barrier wall, and locked gates. Two security guards remain on duty 24 hours/day, 7 days/week, with one guard at the east gate and one at the west gate.

WHEREFORE, the Staff submits its Interim Progress Report and will submit its next report on April 24, 2013, as directed by the Commission.

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 served to all counsel of record this 27th day of March, 2013.

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