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**STATE OF MISSOURI  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a session of the Public Service Commission held at its office in Jefferson City on the 22nd day of May, 1997.

In the Matter of the Operation of the Purchased )  
Gas Adjustment Clause of Missouri Gas Energy, a ) Case No. GO-97-409  
Division of Southern Union Company. )  
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**ORDER GRANTING IN PART, AND DENYING IN PART,  
APPLICATIONS TO INTERVENE**

On April 10, 1997, the Commission issued an Order And Notice in this case. The Riverside Pipeline Company, L.P. (Riverside), the Mid-Kansas Partnership (Mid-Kansas), the City of Kearney (Kearney), and the City of Kansas City (Kansas City) each filed timely applications to intervene in this case.

On May 1, 1997, Missouri Gas Energy (MGE), a division of Southern Union Company, filed Suggestions In Opposition to the application of Riverside and Mid-Kansas to intervene. MGE cites the Joint Motion To Open Docket which stated that the proration of gas costs and the frequency of PGA filings are to be considered. MGE argues that these matters affect MGE and its customers primarily in the area of billing and have no impact on Riverside or Mid-Kansas, neither of which is a customer of MGE. MGE asserts that Riverside and Mid-Kansas have no interest in this proceeding and that their intervention in this case would serve no legitimate purpose.

On May 6, 1997, Riverside and Mid-Kansas filed a Reply to MGE's Suggestions In Opposition. Riverside/Mid-Kansas state that the method of recovery of MGE's gas costs from its customers is of clear interest to

Riverside and Mid-Kansas because it affects MGE's ability to pay Riverside/Mid-Kansas in a timely manner.

The Commission will deny the Application To Intervene filed by Riverside/Mid-Kansas because Riverside/Mid-Kansas's identified interest is the same as any creditor of MGE's, and there is no reason to believe that granting intervention to Riverside/Mid-Kansas would serve the public interest.

On April 29, 1997, the City of Independence (Independence) filed an Application To Intervene. The deadline for filing applications to intervene was April 25, 1997, so this application was filed out of time. An application to intervene filed after the intervention date set by the Commission may be granted upon a showing of good cause. (4 CSR 240-2.075(5)(D)). The Commission has reviewed the Application To Intervene and determines that Independence has not shown good cause to grant intervention. Thus, the Commission will deny the Application to Intervene filed by the City of Independence, Missouri.

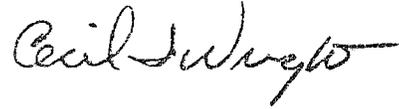
**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

1. That the Applications To Intervene filed by the Cities of Kearney and Kansas City are hereby granted.

2. That the Applications To Intervene filed by Riverside Pipeline Company, L.P./Mid-Kansas Partnership and the City of Independence are hereby denied.

3. That this order shall become effective on the date hereof.

**BY THE COMMISSION**



**Cecil I. Wright  
Executive Secretary**

( S E A L )

Zobrist, Chm., Drainer and  
Murray, CC., concur.  
Crumpton, C., absent.

ALJ: Luckenbill