

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
JEFFERSON CITY
November 27, 2000**

CASE NO: GR-2001-292

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Enclosed find certified copy of an ORDER AND NOTICE in the above-numbered case(s).

Sincerely,



**Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge**

Uncertified copies:

To the county commission of each county in Missouri Gas Energy's service area.

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of Tariff Revisions of Missouri)	
Gas Energy, a Division of Southern Union)	Case No. GR-2001-292
Company, Designed to Increase Rates for Natural)	Tariff No. 200100529
Gas Service to Customers in the Missouri Service)	
Area of the Company)	

SUSPENSION ORDER AND NOTICE

On November 7, 2000, Missouri Gas Energy (MGE) submitted to the Commission proposed tariff sheets intended to implement a general rate increase for natural gas service provided to its Missouri customers. The proposed tariffs were assigned Tariff No. 200100529 and bear a requested effective date of December 7, 2000. The proposed tariffs are designed to produce an annual increase of approximately 11.56 percent (\$39,383,803) in the company's revenues.

In order to allow sufficient time to study the effect of the proposed tariffs and determine if they are just, reasonable and in the public interest, the proposed tariffs shall be suspended for a period of 120 days plus an additional six months beyond the requested effective date, unless otherwise ordered by the Commission.

The Commission will schedule the hearing dates for this case in order to ensure this matter is heard as expeditiously as possible. Additionally, establishment of the hearing dates will allow for notice to be sent to customers. The Commission will also set an early prehearing conference and require the parties to file a proposed procedural schedule with additional filing dates for testimony, a second prehearing conference, local public hearings, the statement of issues and position papers of the

parties, and reconciliation. At the prehearing conference, the parties are also directed to discuss and subsequently file proposals for establishment of a test year and requests regarding a true-up.

The Commission finds that proper persons should be allowed 20 days from the issuance of this order to file a motion for leave to intervene. The Records Department of the Commission shall serve a copy of this order upon the county commission of each county in the company's service area. In addition, the Commission's Information Office shall send notice of this order to the publisher of each newspaper located in the counties in which the company provides service, as listed in the newspaper directory of the current Official Manual of the State of Missouri, and to members of the General Assembly representing the residents of the company's Missouri service area.

The parties are advised that any testimony or schedule filed without a protective order first being established shall be considered public information. Any party that considers information to be proprietary or highly confidential must request a protective order to ensure the information is treated as designated. Any request for a protective order shall state sufficient grounds to support the issuance of such an order.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the tariff sheets (Tariff File No. 200100529) submitted on November 7, 2000, by Missouri Gas Energy for the purpose of increasing rates for natural gas service are hereby suspended for a period of 120 days plus six months from their effective date of December 7, 2000, until October 6, 2001.

2. That anyone wishing to intervene shall file an application to intervene no later than December 18, 2000 with:

Dale Hardy Roberts, Secretary
Missouri Public Service Commission
Post Office Box 360
Jefferson City, Missouri 65102

Copies of the application to intervene should be sent to:

Gary W. Duffy
Brydon, Swearingen & England P.C.
Post Office Box 456
Jefferson City, Missouri 65102

and to:

Office of the Public Counsel
Post Office Box 7800
Jefferson City, Missouri 65102

3. That a prehearing conference shall be held on January 3, 2001 beginning at 10:00 a.m. at the Commission's offices at the Governor Office Building, 200 Madison Street, Jefferson City, Missouri.

4. That an evidentiary hearing shall be held beginning at 8:30 a.m. on June 11, 2001, and continuing through June 15, 2001. The hearing will be held in Room 310 of the Governor Office Building, 200 Madison Street, Jefferson City, Missouri. The Governor Office Building meets accessibility standards required by the Americans With Disabilities Act. If any person needs additional accommodations to participate in either the prehearing conference or the hearing, please call the Public Service Commission's Hotline at 1-800-392-4211 (voice) or 1-800-829-7541 (TDD) prior to the hearing.

5. That Missouri Gas Energy shall notify each affected customer of the hearings scheduled in this case by either a notice on or accompanying a bill, or in a separate notice, at least ten days but not more than 45 days prior to the first day of the hearings, unless otherwise ordered by the Commission. The notice shall be in a form to be determined by the Commission in a subsequent order.

6. That the Records Department and the Information Office of the Commission shall serve a copy of this order and provide notice as described in this order.

7. That this order shall become effective on December 7, 2000.

BY THE COMMISSION



Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

(S E A L)

Morris L. Woodruff, Senior Regulatory
Law Judge, by delegation of authority
pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 1994.

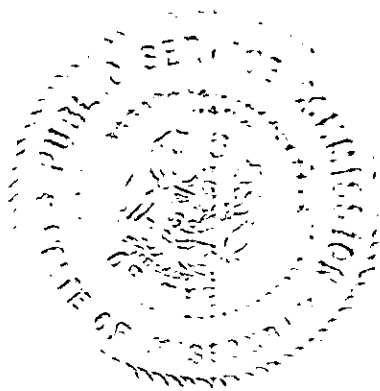
Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 27th day of November, 2000.

STATE OF MISSOURI

OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

I have compared the preceding copy with the original on file in this office and
I do hereby certify the same to be a true copy therefrom and the whole thereof.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the Public Service Commission, at Jefferson City,
Missouri, this 27th day of Nov. 2000.



Dale Hardy Roberts

Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge