OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application of Missouri Gas)
Energy, a Division of Southern Union Company,)
For a Certificate of Public Convenience and)
Necessity Authorizing It to Construct, Install, Own,)
Operate, Control, Manage, and Maintain a Natural) <u>Case No. GA-2008-0281</u>
Gas Distribution System to Provide Gas Service in)
Carroll County, Missouri, as an Expansion of Its)
Existing Certified Area.)

ORDER EXTENDING TIME FOR STAFF TO FILE RECOMMENDATION

Issue Date: April 21, 2008 Effective Date: April 21, 2008

On February 25, 2008, Missouri Gas Energy, a division of Southern Union Company (MGE), filed an application requesting a certificate of convenience and necessity to expand its existing service area to provide service to the Show Me Ethanol Plant in Carroll County, Missouri. The Commission directed its Staff to file a recommendation regarding MGE's application by April 24.

On April 18, Staff filed a motion asking the Commission to extend the time allowed for Staff to file its recommendation. Staff explains that MGE has not yet filed a feasibility study and that Staff cannot file a recommendation until it can review that study. Staff also states that MGE is unable to file the feasibility study until it has completed on-going negotiations with the potential customer. Therefore, Staff asks the Commission to allow it to file its recommendation thirty days after MGE files its feasibility study.

Staff's motion is reasonable and the Commission will relieve Staff of its obligation to file a recommendation by April 24. So that it can be kept aware of developments, the Commission will order Staff to file a status report in sixty days.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

- 1. The Commission's Staff is relieved of its obligation to file a recommendation by April 24, 2008, regarding Missouri Gas Energy's application for certificate of convenience and necessity.
 - 2. Staff shall file a status report no later than June 20, 2008
 - 3. This order will become effective on April 21, 2008.

BY THE COMMISSION

Colleen M. Dale Secretary

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Morris L. Woodruff, Deputy Chief Regulatory Law Judge, by delegation of authority pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri, on this 21st day of April, 2008.