BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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In the Matter of the Joint Application of Southern Missouri Gas Company, L.P., d/b/a Southern Missouri Natural Gas and Missouri Gas Utility, Inc., for Approval of the Merger of Southern Missouri Natural Gas with Missouri Gas Utility, Inc., and for Certain Related Transactions.

File No. GM-2011-0354

ORDER DIRECTING FILING

Issue Date: February 24, 2012

Effective Date: February 24, 2012

On April 27, 2011¹, Southern Missouri Gas Company, L.P., d/b/a Southern Missouri Natural Gas ("SMNG") and Missouri Gas Utility ("MGU") filed an application. That application requests, among other things, authority from the Commission for SMNG and MGU to merge, with MGU as the surviving entity. The parties filed a Unanimous Stipulation and Agreement on September 15, which the Commission approved on September 28.

On February 23, 2012, Summit Natural Gas of Missouri, Inc. ("Summit") informed the Commission that SMNG has merged with Summit. Summit filed tariff sheets that purport to adopt MGU's Missouri tariffs. Those tariff sheets bear an effective date of March 24, 2012.

The Commission will order its Staff to file a Recommendation.

¹ Calendar references are to 2011 unless otherwise noted.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The Staff of the Commission shall file a Recommendation, no later than

March 15, 2012.

2. This order shall become effective upon issuance.

BY THE COMMISSION

Steven C. Reed Secretary

(SEAL)

Ronald D. Pridgin, Senior Regulatory Law Judge, by delegation of authority pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri, on this 24th day of February, 2012.