

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

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Missouri Public
Service Commission

In the Matter of the Application of Southern)
Union Company d/b/a Missouri Gas Energy)
for Authority to Acquire Directly or Indirectly,)
Up to and Including One Hundred Percent)
(100%) of the Equity Interests of Panhandle)
Eastern Pipeline Company, Including its)
Subsidiaries, and to Take All Other Actions)
Reasonably Necessary to Effectuate Said)
Transaction)

Case No. GM-2003-0238

**LACLEDE GAS COMPANY'S
RESPONSE TO STIPULATION AND AGREEMENT**

COMES NOW Laclede Gas Company ("Laclede") and, in response to the Stipulation and Agreement (the "Agreement") filed in the above referenced case on March 25, 2003, states that it neither supports nor opposes the terms of the Agreement. Further, Laclede waives its right to a hearing on the matters specifically covered by the Agreement.

WHEREFORE, Laclede respectfully requests that the Commission accept its response to the Agreement.

Respectfully submitted,



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that the foregoing Response to Stipulation and Agreement has been duly served upon the General Counsel of the Staff of the Public Service Commission, Office of the Public Counsel and all parties of record to this proceeding by placing a copy thereof in the United States mail, postage prepaid, or by hand delivery, on this 26th day of March 2003.


