OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Joint Application of Southern)	
Union Company d/b/a Missouri Gas Energy,)	
The Laclede Group, Inc., and Laclede Gas)	
Company for an Order Authorizing the Sale,)	File No. GM-2013-0254
Transfer, and Assignment of Certain Assets and)	
Liabilities from Southern Union Company to)	
Laclede Gas Company and, in Connection)	
Therewith, Certain other Related Transactions)	

ORDER GRANTING THE APPLICATION TO INTERVENE OF UNITED STEELWORKERS DISTRICT 11

Issue Date: February 4, 2013 Effective Date: February 4, 2013

On January 14, 2013, Southern Union Company, d/b/a Missouri Gas Energy, The Laclede Group, Inc., and Laclede Gas Company, filed an application asking the Commission to approve a sale in which Laclede Gas Company would acquire the entire franchise, works, and system of Southern Union's Missouri Gas Energy operating division. The Commission provided notice of that filing and established February 13 as the deadline for interested parties to apply to intervene.

On January 22, United Steelworkers District 11, AFL-CIO (USW) applied to intervene. USW is a labor organization that represents gas workers in several bargaining units of both Missouri Gas Energy and Laclede. More than ten days have passed since USW applied to intervene and no party has objected to that application.

The Commission finds that USW's interest in this case is different from that of the general public, and may be adversely affected by a final order arising from this case. Furthermore, the Commission finds that allowing USW to intervene will serve the public

interest. Therefore, in accordance with Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.075(4), the Commission will grant the application to intervene.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

- 1. The Application to Intervene of United Steelworkers District 11, AFL-CIO, is granted.
 - 2. This order shall become effective upon issuance.

BY THE COMMISSION

Shelley Brueggemann Acting Secretary

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

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri, on this 4th day of February, 2013.