BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Joint Applica-) tion of Southern Union Company) d/b/a Missouri Gas Energy, The) Laclede Group, Inc., and Laclede) Gas Company for an Order Authoriz-) ing the Sale, Transfer, and Assign-) ment of Certain Assets and Liabili-) ties from Southern Union Company to) Laclede Gas Company and, in) Connection Therewith, Certain other) Related Transactions)

GM-2013-0254

RESPONSE OF MIDWEST GAS USERS' ASSOCIATION REGARDING PROPOSED PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

Comes now Intervenor MIDWEST GAS USERS' ASSOCIATION ("Midwest") and pursuant to Commission directive, comments on the procedural schedule that has been proposed as follows:

 Midwest has no objection to the proposed procedural schedule.

2. Our initial, and subsequent, concern was **not** with respect to the particular dates proposed but that there **be** a procedural schedule in the case that provided Commission Staff with time it considered sufficient to perform its appropriate functions regarding the proposed merger/acquisition.

 Midwest also expressed concern regarding certain discovery procedures. These have been acceptably resolved in this proposal.

WHEREFORE, Midwest comments as directed.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that I have this day served the foregoing pleading by U.S. mail, postage prepaid, or by attachment to e-mail, addressed to all parties by their attorneys of record as disclosed by the pleadings and orders herein according to the record maintained by the Secretary of the Commission in EFIS.

Stuart W. Conrad

Dated: May 23, 2013