

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
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,)
Transfer, and Assignment of Certain Assets and)
Liabilities from Southern Union Company to)
Laclede Gas Company and, in Connection)
Therewith, Certain other Related Transactions)

File No. GM-2013-0254

ORDER ESTABLISHING TIME TO RESPOND

Issue Date: May 22, 2013

Effective Date: May 22, 2013

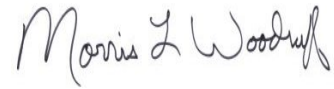
On May 22, 2013, Southern Union Company, d/b/a Missouri Gas Energy, The Laclede Group, Inc., and Laclede Gas Company, the Joint Applicants, along with the Staff of the Commission and the Office of the Public Counsel, filed a joint motion asking the Commission to establish an expedited procedural schedule that would result in an evidentiary hearing in July and would anticipate a final decision from the Commission in August. The joint motion represents that the parties to this case that did not join in the motion have been consulted and do not object to the proposed procedural schedule. Nevertheless, the Commission will establish a time for the filing of any response to the proposed procedural schedule.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. Any party wishing to respond to the Joint Motion to Establish Procedural Schedule shall do so no later than 12:00 p.m. on May 24, 2013.

2. This order shall become effective upon issuance.

BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Morris L. Woodruff". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "M".

Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

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 22nd day of May, 2013.