

**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 GRANTING THE APPLICATION TO INTERVENE OF
MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES**

Issue Date: February 26, 2013

Effective Date: February 26, 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 February 13, the Missouri Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) applied to intervene. MDNR, and specifically its Division of Energy, is a state agency vested with the authority and duty to consider the impact of the proposed transaction on planning for energy resource development and energy efficiency. More than ten days have passed since MDNR applied to intervene and no party has objected to that application.

The Commission finds that MDNR’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 MDNR 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 the Missouri Department of Natural Resources 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 26th day of February, 2013.