

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

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

JOINT MOTION FOR FURTHER EXTENSION OF TIME

COME NOW Southern Union Company d/b/a Missouri Gas Energy (“SUG”), the Laclede Group, Inc. (“LG”), Laclede Gas Company (“Laclede Gas”) and the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Staff”) (collectively “Movants”) and for their motion to the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Commission”) state the following:

1. On April 29, 2013, the Movants filed with the Commission a Joint Motion For Extension Of Time seeking to file a procedural schedule on May 13, 2013. In that pleading Movants explained they have been meeting to discuss the interplay between this case and the rate case (GR-2013-0171) and how Staff resources are currently diverted to processing the rate case according to its procedural schedule and operation of law date.

2. In order to free up both Staff and Public Counsel resources, Laclede Gas has proposed a settlement offer to rate case parties and those parties will be meeting this week to review the settlement terms proposed by the company. Because of that, it is reasonable to anticipate that a settlement agreement may be reached that resolves or disposes of the issues of the rate case. Achieving a settlement of the rate case would enable members of Staff now working on the rate case to redirect their efforts to review the Joint Application in this case and to do so according to procedural dates mutually

agreeable to Movants. Therefore, it is reasonable for Movants in this case to anticipate that a settlement of the rate case may be concluded by May 22, 2013. Such rate case settlement would allow Staff and Office of Public Counsel to redirect resources to processing the acquisition case according to dates that would be agreeable to Movants.

3. The other parties in this proceeding, with the exception of Midwest Gas Users' Association¹, have either indicated support of or no opposition to the relief requested by this motion.

WHEREFORE, for the reasons discussed above, Movants respectfully request the Commission extend the time for parties to file a procedural schedule in this case by 10 days until May 22, 2013, for good cause shown.

Respectfully submitted,

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¹ According to its February 13, 2013 Application For Order Allowing Intervention, the participants of Midwest Gas Users' Association who have authorized this intervention are North Kansas City Hospital and AAA Uniform Service (now Ace Imagewear).

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand-delivered, transmitted by facsimile or electronically mailed to all counsel of record this 13th day of May, 2013.

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