

**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,) **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 DIRECTING RESPONSE

Issue Date: May 22, 2013

Effective Date: May 22, 2013

On May 21, 2013, the Missouri Industrial Energy Consumers (MIEC) filed an application to intervene out of time asking to be allowed to intervene in this case established to consider the joint application of Southern Union Company, d/b/a Missouri Gas Energy, The Laclede Group, Inc., and Laclede Gas Company for approval of a sale in which Laclede Gas Company would acquire the entire franchise, works, and system of Southern Union’s Missouri Gas Energy operating division. Based on MIEC’s representation that expedited treatment was needed to facilitate possible resolution of Laclede Gas Company’s on-going rate case and on MIEC’s representation that “counsel for Laclede has advised counsel for the MIEC that Laclede does not oppose this motion”, the Commission issued an order granting the application to intervene out of time on May 22.

Later on May 22, Southern Union Company d/b/a Missouri Gas Energy, one of the joint applicants, filed a motion asking the Commission to reconsider its order allowing MIEC to intervene. Southern Union contends that MIEC has not shown good cause for its untimely application to intervene and asserts that MIEC’s representation that Laclede did

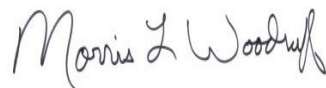
not oppose MIEC's application to intervene was either a half-truth or a misrepresentation by omission as counsel for Southern Union had previously informed counsel for MIEC that Southern Union would object to MIEC's request to intervene.

The Commission will direct MIEC to respond to Southern Union's motion for reconsideration and will allow other interested parties an opportunity to respond if they wish to do so.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The Missouri Industrial Energy Consumers shall respond to Southern Union Company d/b/a Missouri Gas Energy's Motion for Reconsideration no later than 12:00 p.m. on May 24, 2013.
2. Any other party wishing to respond to Southern Union Company d/b/a Missouri Gas Energy's Motion for Reconsideration shall do so no later than 12:00 p.m. on May 24, 2013.
3. This order shall become effective upon issuance.

BY THE COMMISSION



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.