

**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 SCHEDULING A TECHNICAL CONFERENCE AND DIRECTING
THE PARTIES TO FILE A PROPOSED PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE**

Issue Date: February 14, 2013

Effective Date: February 14, 2013

Southern Union Company, d/b/a Missouri Gas Energy, The Laclede Group, Inc., and Laclede Gas Company, have 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, 2013 as the deadline for interested parties to apply to intervene.

On February 14, Southern Union, Laclede Group and Laclede Gas (the Joint Applicants) filed a motion asking the Commission to establish an early technical conference at which the parties and their experts may identify and discuss areas of interest and concern regarding the joint application. The motion represents that the Joint Applicants, Staff, and Public Counsel suggest March 18, at 1:00 p.m. as an appropriate date and time for that conference.

The Commission agrees that a technical conference at the proposed date and time would be appropriate. The parties are free to discuss whatever questions may arise at the

conference and unless the parties request otherwise, there is no need for any portion of the conference to be on the record. The conference will allow the parties to discuss how the Commission should proceed to consider the application and the Commission will order the parties to file a proposed procedural schedule after the conference.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. A technical conference is scheduled for 1:00 p.m. on March 18, 2013, at the Commission's office at the Governor Office Building, Room 305, 200 Madison Street, Jefferson City, Missouri. This building meets accessibility standards required by the Americans with Disabilities Act. If you need additional accommodations to participate in this hearing, please call the Public Service Commission's Hotline at 1-800-392-4211 (voice) or Relay Missouri at 711 before the hearing.
2. The parties shall file a proposed procedural schedule no later than March 22, 2013.
3. 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 14th day of February, 2013.