STATE OF MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

At a session of the Public Service

	Commission held at its office in Jefferson City on the 25 th day of January, 2012.
In the Matter of Southern Union Company d/b/a Missouri Gas Energy's Tariff Sheets Designed to Implement an Experimental Pilot Program to Assist Rebuilding in the Area of Joplin, Missouri))

ORDER DENYING APPLICATION FOR REHEARING AND RECONSIDERATION

Issue Date: January 25, 2012 Effective Date: January 25, 2012

On November 9, 2011, Southern Union Company, d/b/a Missouri Gas Energy ("MGE"), filed a tariff designed to implement an experimental pilot program entitled the "Rebuild Joplin Program". That tariff became effective by operation of law on December 9, 2011.

On December 8, 2011, the Office of the Public Counsel filed an Application for Rehearing, Motion for Reconsideration, and Motion to Schedule Expedited Hearing. Section 386.500.1, RSMo (2000), provides that the Commission shall grant an application for rehearing if "in its judgment sufficient reason therefor be made to appear." Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.160 allows for a party to file a motion for reconsideration of a procedural or interlocutory order.

The Commission finds that OPC has failed to establish sufficient reason to grant its application for rehearing and its motion for reconsideration. The Commission will deny those requests.

However, the Commission also believes that OPC has some valid concerns, and the Commission would like further explanation from the parties regarding the tariff.

Thus, the Commission will set a prehearing conference in a subsequent order.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

- 1. The Application for Rehearing and the Motion for Reconsideration are denied.
 - 2. This order shall become effective upon issuance.

BY THE COMMISSION

Steven C. Reed Secretary

(SEAL)

Gunn, Chm., Jarrett, and Kenney, CC., concur. Stoll, C., abstains.

Pridgin, Senior Regulatory Law Judge