

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

In the Matter of the Application of Southern)
Union Company d/b/a Missouri Gas Energy)
for Authority to Acquire Directly or Indirectly,)
up to and Including Fifty Percent (50%) of)
the Equity Interests of CrossCountry Energy,)
LLC, and to Take All Other Actions)
Reasonably Necessary to Effectuate Said)
Transaction.)

Case No. GO-2005-0019

JOINT STATUS REPORT

COME NOW, Southern Union Company, d/b/a Missouri Gas Energy ("Southern Union"), the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Staff") and the Office of the Public Counsel ("Public Counsel") and, in compliance with the Commission's Order Directing Filing, submit the following joint status report to the Commission:

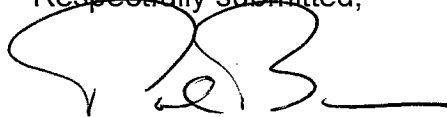
1. On November 5, 2004, the Commission issued its Order Directing Filing in the captioned case. The Commission directed Staff, in cooperation with the other parties, to file a memorandum and recommendation concerning the status of the transaction that was approved in the Commission's August 31, 2004 Order Approving Acquisition of Equity Interest (the "Order") and to advise the Commission as to whether the case may now be closed.

2. The transaction approved by the Commission in this case continues to move forward and progress to date has been positive, however, the purchase of CrossCountry by Southern Union Co. has not yet closed. Southern Union expects the transaction to close soon and prior to the December 17, 2004 termination date contemplated by the Purchase Agreement. See, Art. III, §3.2 (b).

3. Under the circumstances noted above, the parties recommend that the Commission keep this case open to receive a notice of closing of the CrossCountry transaction and a copy of the final order of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court approving the transaction, all as contemplated by the Order at paragraph Ordered: 6. Once the transaction has closed, Southern Union promptly will notify Staff and the parties will file a notice to the Commission that this case may be closed.

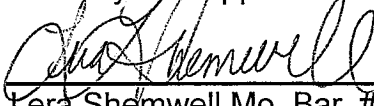
WHEREFORE, the parties submit the foregoing Joint Status Report concerning the approved transaction and jointly request that the Commission keep this case open pending the imminent closing of the approved transaction and subsequently of this Commission case.

Respectfully submitted,

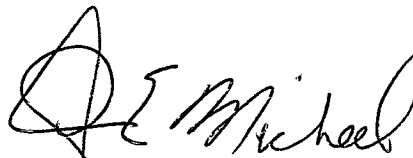


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I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing document was delivered by first class mail or by hand delivery, on this 16th day of November 2004 to the following:

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