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Mr. Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge
Missouri Public Service Commission
P.O. Box 360
Jefferson City, MO 65102

**Re: In the Matter of the Merger of Southern Union Company and
Fall River Gas Company
Case No. GM-2000-503**

Dear Mr. Roberts:

On behalf of Southern Union Company, I deliver herewith an original and fourteen (14) copies of a Motion for Protective Order to be filed with the Commission. A copy is also being hand-delivered to The Office of the Public Counsel this date.

I have also enclosed an extra copy of the Application which I request that you stamp "Filed" and return to the person delivering same to you.

Thank you for your attention in this matter.

Sincerely,

BRYDON, SWEARENGEN & ENGLAND P.C.

By: 

Paul A. Boudreau

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Enclosures

cc: The Office of Public Counsel

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

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In the matter of the application of)
Southern Union Company for authority)
to acquire the common stock of and to)
merge with Fall River Gas Company,)
and, in connection therewith, certain)
other related transactions.)

Case No. GM-2000-503

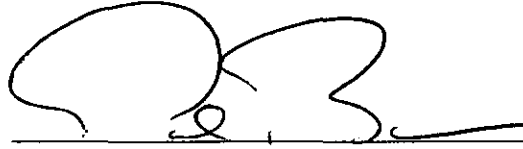
MOTION FOR PROTECTIVE ORDER

COMES NOW Southern Union Company ("Southern Union"), pursuant to Commission rule 4 C.S.R. 240-2.130(15), and for its Motion that the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission") issue its customary Protective Order in the captioned case, states as follows:

1. On February 17, 2000, Southern Union filed an Application for approval for Southern Union to merge with Fall River Gas Company, with Southern Union as the surviving corporation.
2. Southern Union anticipates that the review of the Application by Staff and the Office of the Public Counsel will necessitate the exchange of information or documentation which is considered by Southern Union to be confidential or proprietary in nature. Accordingly, Southern Union requests that the Commission issue its customary Protective Order to facilitate the prompt exchange of information between Southern Union, Staff and Public Counsel.

WHEREFORE, for good cause shown, Southern Union requests the Commission issue its customary Protective Order in the captioned case.

Respectfully submitted,



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Certificate of Service

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing document was sent by U.S. Mail, postage prepaid, or hand-delivered, on this 18th day of February, 2000, to:

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