# BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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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

Case No. GM-2013-0254

### MOTION FOR AN ORDER ESTABLISHING AN EARLY TECHNICAL CONFERENCE

COME NOW Southern Union Company, d/b/a Missouri Gas Energy ("SUG"), The Laclede Group, Inc. ("LG"), and Laclede Gas Company ("Laclede Gas"), by counsel, and for their motion in the captioned-matter respectfully state as follows to the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission"):

1. On January 14, 2013, SUG, LG and Laclede Gas filed their Joint Application with

the Commission which Joint Application is subject of this proceeding.

2. On January 15, 2013, the Commission issued its Order Directing Notice and

Establishing Intervention Date and directed, among other things, that applications to intervene in this proceeding be filed with the Commission no later than February 13, 2013. In response to that Order, five (5) parties have sought leave to intervene.

3. In order to facilitate the processing of the subject Joint Application, SUG, LG and Laclede Gas believe that the Commission should order an early technical conference in this matter. After consultation with the Commission Staff and the Office of the Public Counsel, SUG, LG and Laclede Gas suggest Monday, March 18, 2013, at 1:00 p.m. as an appropriate date and time for said conference. To ensure that the technical conference is as productive as

possible, SUG, LG and Laclede Gas also intend to consult, as schedules permit, with the attorneys and relevant subject matter experts from the Commission Staff, the Office of the Public Counsel and the other parties between now and the date of the technical conference to identify and discuss specific areas of interest or concern that may be the subject of further discussions at the technical conference.

WHEREFORE, SUG, LG and Laclede Gas respectfully move the Commission to issue its Order directing that an early technical conference be held in this matter in the Commission's offices in Jefferson City, Missouri on Monday, March 18, 2013, commencing at 1:00 p.m. Respectfully submitted,

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