

**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) Case No. GM-2013-0254
Assignment of Certain Assets and)
Liabilities from Southern Union)
Company to Laclede Gas Company And,)
in connection therewith, certain other)
Related Transactions)

**MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES'
APPLICATION TO INTERVENE**

COMES NOW Missouri Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) and, pursuant to Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.075, respectfully requests that the Commission issue its order granting MDNR's Application to Intervene. For its Application, MDNR states as follows:

1. On January 14, 2013, Southern Union Company d/b/a Missouri Gas Energy, The Laclede Group, Inc., and Laclede Gas Company filed an application asking the Commission to approve a sale in which Laclede Gas would acquire the entire franchise, works, and system of Southern Union's Missouri Gas Energy Operating division. On January 15, 2013, the Commission issued its order setting February 13, 2013, as the deadline for interested parties to file applications to intervene.

2. MDNR, and specifically its Division of Energy, is a state agency vested with the powers and duties set forth in § 640.150 RSMo.

3. MDNR has an interest different than that of the general public, and its intervention will serve a public interest in that the Division of Energy will be looking at the proposed filing from a formal policy and planning perspective as well as looking at the potential impacts on environmental quality. The Division of Energy's review also will be in relation to the mandate set forth in § 640.150 RSMo, which includes planning for energy resource development; analyzing energy management issues; consulting and cooperating with all state and federal governmental agencies on matters of energy research and development, management, conservation and distribution; assessing the potential impacts on environmental quality; and analyzing the potential for increased use of energy alternatives and making recommendations for the expanded use of such alternate energy sources and technologies. In this specific case, the Division of Energy will review the transaction in terms of the energy efficiency programs of the parties to the sale.

4. Communications, correspondence, orders and decision in this

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5. MDNR is uncertain at this time of the position it will take in this case.

WHEREFORE, the Missouri Department of Natural Resources respectfully requests that it be allowed to intervene in the above-styled matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been served
electronically on all counsel of record this 13th day of February, 2013.

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