

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
JEFFERSON CITY
February 23, 2000**

CASE NO: GF-2000-504

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Enclosed find certified copy of an ORDER in the above-numbered case(s).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dale Hardy Roberts". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

Case No. GF-2000-504

ORDER ESTABLISHING TIME FOR FILING OF RECOMMENDATION

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Southern Union requests expedited consideration of this application to permit the proposed transactions to occur quickly. In its Application, Southern Union asks that the authority to make the investments be granted no later than April 4, 2000, with an effective date of April 14. In its separate Motion for Expedited Consideration filed on February 18, Southern Union asks that the requested authority be granted no later than March 30, 2000, with an effective date no later than April 11.

So that Southern Union's Application may be considered expeditiously, the Staff of the Public Service Commission will be directed to file its recommendations regarding approval or rejection of Southern Union's Application prior to the approval date requested by Southern Union.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That no later than March 20, 2000, the Staff of the Public Service Commission shall file its recommendations regarding approval or rejection of the Application filed by Southern Union Company.

2. That the Office of the Public Counsel may file its recommendations regarding Southern Union Company's Application no later than March 20, 2000.

3. That if Southern Union Company wishes to respond to the recommendations filed by the Staff of the Public Service Commission or the Office of the Public Counsel, it may do so no later than March 24, 2000.

4. That this order shall become effective on March 6, 2000.

BY THE COMMISSION

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Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

(S E A L)

Morris L. Woodruff, Regulatory
Law Judge by delegation of
Authority pursuant to 4 CSR
240-2.120(1), (November 30, 1995)
and Section 386.240, RSMo 1994.

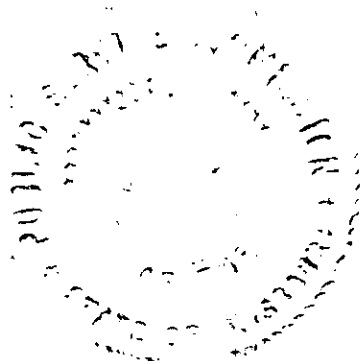
Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 23rd day of February, 2000.

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

I have compared the preceding copy with the original on file in this office and

I do hereby certify the same to be a true copy therefrom and the whole thereof.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the Public Service Commission, at Jefferson City,
Missouri, this 23rd day of FEBRUARY 2000.



Dale Hardy Roberts

Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge