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Mr. Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge
Missouri Public Service Commission
Governor Office Building
200 Madison Street
P. O. Box 360
Jefferson City, MO 65102-0360

RE: Case No. GM-2003-0238

Dear Mr. Roberts:

Enclosed for filing, please find the original and eight copies of Laclede's Application to Intervene in the above-referenced case. Please file-stamp the additional copy of this Application and return the same in the pre-addressed, stamped envelope provided.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,


Rick Zucker

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cc: All parties of record

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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Missouri Public
Service Commission

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 One Hundred Percent)
(100%) of the Equity Interests of Panhandle)
Eastern Pipeline Company, Including its)
Subsidiaries, and to Take All Other Actions)
Reasonably Necessary to Effectuate Said)
Transaction)

Case No. GM-2003-0238

APPLICATION TO INTERVENE

COMES NOW Laclede Gas Company ("Laclede") and, pursuant to 4 CSR 240-2.075 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, respectfully files this Application to Intervene in the above-captioned proceeding, stating as follows:

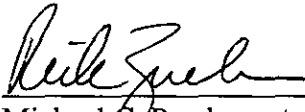
1. Laclede is a gas corporation and a public utility, operating as a distributor and seller of natural gas in the City of St. Louis, St. Louis County and various other counties in Eastern Missouri, with its principal office located at 720 Olive Street, St. Louis, Missouri 63101.

2. Laclede has an interest in this case, because Laclede is a customer of Panhandle Eastern Pipeline Company ("PEPC"), which Southern Union d/b/a/ Missouri Gas Energy proposes to acquire. PEPC is part of Laclede's upstream pipeline transportation network. PEPC connects to the Missouri Pipeline Company to deliver gas to Laclede's service territory. At this time, Laclede does not have sufficient information regarding the proposed transaction to determine what position, if any, it will take in this case.

3. As a customer of PEPC, Laclede's interest in this case differs from that of the general public. Laclede may be adversely affected by a final order that may be issued in this case. Finally, Laclede asserts that granting the proposed intervention would serve the public interest.

WHEREFORE, for the reasons stated herein, Laclede respectfully requests that the Commission issue an order permitting Laclede to intervene in this case.

Respectfully submitted,



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that the foregoing Application to Intervene has been duly served upon the General Counsel of the Staff of the Public Service Commission, Office of the Public Counsel, and the attorneys for Southern Union, via electronic mail, fax, or by placing a copy thereof in the United States mail, postage prepaid, on this 23rd day of January, 2003.

