

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

In the matter of the Joint Application of Southern Missouri)
Gas Company, L.P. d/b/a Southern Missouri Natural Gas)
And Missouri Gas Utility, Inc., for Approval of the) File No. GM-2011-0354
Merger of Southern Missouri Natural Gas with Missouri)
Gas Utility, Inc., and for Certain Related Transactions.)

MOTION TO SUSPEND PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

COME NOW Southern Missouri Gas Company, L.P. d/b/a Southern Missouri Natural Gas (SMNG) and Missouri Gas Utility, Inc. (MGU), by and through their undersigned counsel, and, on behalf of; the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission; the Office of the Public Counsel and Southern Union Company, d/b/a Missouri Gas Energy, state as follows to the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission):

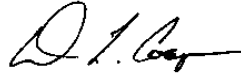
1. The parties met for a prehearing conference on August 16-17, 2011. As a result of those discussions, the Signatories are now completing work on a stipulation and agreement that would purport to resolve all issues in this proceeding.

2. Rebuttal Testimony is currently scheduled to be filed on August 26, 2011. Given the status of the negotiations, the parties believe that resources would be better utilized in the completion and filing of the stipulation and agreement than in preparation of rebuttal testimony.

3. Accordingly, MGU and SMNG ask that the Commission suspend the currently ordered procedural schedule. Further, MGU and SMNG suggest that the parties be directed to file a status report if a stipulation and agreement has not been filed by September 1, 2011.

WHEREFORE, MGU and SMNG respectfully request that the Commission consider this pleading and grant the motion to suspend the procedural schedule pending the filing of a stipulation and agreement.

Respectfully submitted,



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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