

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

CASE NO: GM-2000-503

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dale Hardy Roberts". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application of)	
Southern Union Company for Authority)	
to Acquire the Common Stock of and to)	<u>Case No. GM-2000-503</u>
Merge with Fall River Gas Company,)	
and in Connection Therewith, Certain)	
Other Related Transactions.)	

ORDER ESTABLISHING TIME FOR FILING OF RECOMMENDATION

Southern Union Company (Southern Union) filed an Application with the Commission on February 17, 2000, for Commission approval of its planned merger with Fall River Gas Company. In order that the planned merger not be delayed, Southern Union requests that the Commission approve its application effective no later than July 15, 2000. 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 thirty days prior to the approval date requested by Southern Union.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That no later than June 15, 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 June 15, 2000.

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

BY THE COMMISSION



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