

**STATE OF MISSOURI  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
JEFFERSON CITY  
July 26, 1999**

**CASE NO: GM-2000-49**

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

**Sincerely,**



**Dale Hardy Roberts  
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge**

**Uncertified Copy:**

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

In the Matter of the Application of	)	
Southern Union Company for Authority	)	
to Acquire up to and Including Five	)	<u>Case No. GM-2000-49</u>
Percent (5%) of the Common Stock of	)	
Pennsylvania Enterprises, Inc.	)	

**ORDER DIRECTING STAFF TO RESPOND**

On July 20, 1999, Southern Union Company (Southern Union) filed an application with the Commission requesting authority to acquire up to and including five percent of the common stock of Pennsylvania Enterprises, Inc. (PNT). In a companion case, case number GM-2000-43, Southern Union has requested authority to complete a merger with PNT. Southern Union wishes to immediately purchase a portion of the stock of PNT for the purpose of mitigating the pricing effect of possible arbitrage trading in PNT shares prior to the time of closing of the merger. Southern Union has requested expedited consideration of this application to permit the proposed transactions to occur no later than July 31.

The Commission will attempt to expedite the consideration of this application to the greatest extent possible while honoring its obligation to carefully consider the application.


**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

1. That no later than July 27, 1999, at 1:00 p.m., the Staff of the Public Service Commission shall file a statement advising the Commission as to whether or not it will be able to file, by July 28, at

4:00 p.m., a Staff recommendation regarding the application of Southern Union for authority to purchase up to and including five percent of the common stock of Pennsylvania Enterprises, Inc.

2. That this order shall become effective on July 26, 1999.

**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 26th day of July, 1999.

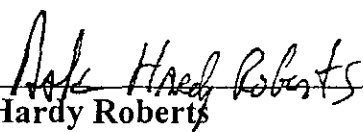
**STATE OF MISSOURI  
OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

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 26TH day of JULY, 1999.



  
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Dale Hardy Roberts  
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge