

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

In the Matter of the Application of)
Southern Union Company, d/b/a Missouri)
Gas Energy, for a Certificate of Public)
Convenience and Necessity Authorizing it)
to Construct, Install, Own, Operate,)
Control, Manage and Maintain a Natural)
Gas Distribution System to Provide Gas)
Service in Lawrence County, Missouri, as)
an Expansion of its Existing Area.)

Case No. GA-2013-0270
YG-2013-0315

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff) and for its Recommendation regarding tariff YG-2013-0315 states that Staff has reviewed this tariff filing and is of the opinion that it is in compliance with the Commission's January 9, 2013 Report and Order granting Missouri Gas Energy a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity (CCN) for provision of gas service in certain sections of Lawrence County, Missouri. (Please see Staff's Memorandum attached hereto as Appendix A).

WHEREFORE, Staff prays the Commission accept its recommendation and either approve this tariff or allow it to go into effect by operation of law.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand-delivered or transmitted by facsimile or electronic mail to all counsel of record this 16th day of January, 2013.

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