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Office Of The Public Counsel)
Service Commission,)

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Complainant,)

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vs.) File No. GC-2011-0339

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Southern Union Company d/b/a)
Missouri Gas Energy,)

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Respondent.)

RONALD D. PRIDGIN, Presiding
SENIOR REGULATORY LAW JUDGE

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PROCEEDINGS

JUDGE PRIDGIN: Good afternoon, we are on the record. This is the prehearing conference in File Number GC-2011-0339. I'm Ron Pridgin, the regulatory law judge assigned to preside over this conference. It's being held about 1:10 p.m. on June 13th, 2011. We are in the Governor Office Building in Jefferson City, Missouri.

I would like to get entries of appearance from counsel, please, beginning with the Office of the Public Counsel, please.

MR. POSTON: Thank you. Marc Poston appearing on behalf of the Office of the Public Counsel and the public.

JUDGE PRIDGIN: Mr. Poston, thank you.

On behalf of Missouri Gas Energy, please.

MR. JACOBS: Todd Jacobs on behalf of Southern Union Company, d/b/a Missouri Gas Energy.

JUDGE PRIDGIN: Mr. Jacobs, thank you.

On behalf of the Staff of the Commission, please.

MS. SHEMWELL: Thank you, Lera Shemwell representing the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission, Post Office Box 360, Jefferson City, Missouri 65101.

JUDGE PRIDGIN: Ms. Shemwell, thank you.

On behalf of Missouri Department of Natural

1 Resources, please.

2 MR. McMANUS: Jack McManus with the Attorney
3 General's office.

4 JUDGE PRIDGIN: Mr. McManus, thank you.

5 Have I missed anyone? All right.

6 I believe Staff filed this Request for
7 Prehearing Conference in hopes that you could narrow the
8 issues or perhaps even settle the case. And let me review my
9 Order setting the prehearing, or it might be quicker if I ask
10 the parties -- oh, here we are.

11 I think because this was Staff's request, I
12 have not set a -- a Requirement to File a Proposed Procedural
13 Schedule. I may wait to hear from the parties before we even
14 see if that's necessary or not. I do have a pending
15 application to intervene from DNR, which I believe was filed
16 on June 6th. And per Commission rule, the time to respond to
17 that Application to Intervene has not yet run, and I'm not
18 trying to rush anyone. If you still want to take the full
19 ten days to respond, you're certainly allowed to do so.
20 But if the parties know now whether or not they have any
21 objection, if you would like to state, you may do so or if
22 you'd rather wait, you may do so.

23 MS. SHEMWELL: The Staff has no objection.

24 MR. JACOBS: MGE has no objection.

25 MR. POSTON: We have no objection either.

1 JUDGE PRIDGIN: Hearing no objection, I will
2 issue an Order granting DNR's application to intervene either
3 probably today or later tomorrow would be my guess.

4 Are there any other pending matters that
5 counsel need to bring to my attention? Anything you need to
6 discuss with me?

7 MR. JACOBS: There's a Motion to Dismiss
8 pending. I assume we're going to discuss the case today. If
9 necessary, we'll move to procedural schedule, but I would
10 just ask the Court or the judge that if we do move to
11 procedural schedule, I think that would be the signal that
12 the Motion to Dismiss is ripe for review.

13 JUDGE PRIDGIN: All right. Certainly.

14 MR. JACOBS: That's fine.

15 JUDGE PRIDGIN: Okay. Very good.

16 Anything else from counsel?

17 MS. SHEMWELL: No.

18 JUDGE PRIDGIN: All right. The room should be
19 available until five o'clock. Again, I'm up on the ninth
20 floor if you have any questions or need to see a calendar for
21 scheduling.

22 If there's nothing further from counsel? All
23 right. Very good. We will go off the record in the
24 prehearing conference in GC-2011-0339. Thank you. We're off
25 the record.

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) ss:

3 COUNTY OF GASCONADE)

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