

# 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, Sigma Acquisition )  
Corporation and Energy Transfer Equity,L.P. for )  
An Order Authorizing Them to Perform in )  
Accordance with a Merger Agreement and to )  
Undertake Related Transactions )

**File No. GM-2011-0412**

## ORDER DIRECTING STAFF TO FILE RECOMMENDATION

Issue Date: December 7, 2011

Effective Date: December 7, 2011

On July 13, 2011, Southern Union Company, d/b/a Missouri Gas Energy, Sigma Acquisition Corporation, and Energy Transfer Equity, L.P. filed an application asking the Commission to approve a merger in which Southern Union Company would merge with Energy Transfer Equity, L.P. The Applicants filed an amended application on September 15 and direct testimony on October 28. On December 6, the Commission's Staff filed a status report indicating it anticipates filing a recommendation regarding the application by January 6, 2012. The Commission will direct Staff to file its recommendation at the indicated time.

### THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. No later than January 6, 2012, Staff shall file either its recommendation regarding the proposed merger, or a recommendation as to how the Commission should proceed to consider that application.

2. This order shall become effective immediately upon issuance.

**BY THE COMMISSION**

( S E A L )



Steven C. Reed  
Secretary

Morris L. Woodruff, Chief Regulatory Law Judge,  
by delegation of authority pursuant to  
Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,  
on this 7<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2011.