## 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	)	File No. GM-2011-0412
An Order Authorizing Them to Perform in	)	
Accordance with a Merger Agreement and to	)	
Undertake Related Transactions	)	

## ORDER DIRECTING PARTIES TO FILE RECOMMENDATION

Issue Date: January 17, 2012 Effective Date: January 17, 2012

Southern Union Company, d/b/a Missouri Gas Energy, Sigma Acquisition Corporation, and Energy Transfer Equity, L.P. have filed an application asking the Commission to approve a merger in which Southern Union Company would merge with Energy Transfer Equity, L.P. On January 13, 2012, the parties filed a joint recommendation indicating they continue to negotiate a settlement of this matter. The parties report that they expect to be able to inform the Commission by February 3 whether they will be able to settle, or whether a procedural schedule will need to be established. The Commission will direct the parties to file their recommendation at the indicated time.

## THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. No later than February 3, 2012, the parties shall file their joint recommendation as to how the Commission should proceed to consider the application.

2. This order shall become effective immediately upon issuance.

## BY THE COMMISSION

(SEAL)

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 17<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2012.