

**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 STAFF TO FILE RECOMMENDATION

Issue Date: September 19, 2011

Effective Date: September 19, 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 Commission directed its Staff to review the application and to file a recommendation or a status report by September 15. On September 15, the applicants filed an amended application. On the same date, Staff filed a status report indicating it has begun reviewing the amended application and asking to be allowed an additional 30 days to file a further report. The Commission will grant Staff's request.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. No later than October 17, 2011, Staff shall file either its recommendation regarding the proposed merger, or a status report indicating when it will be able to file its recommendation.

2. This order shall become effective immediately upon issuance.

BY THE COMMISSION

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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 19th day of September, 2011.