

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
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)	Case No. GM-2011-0412
Authorizing them to Perform in Accordance)	
with a Merger Agreement and to Undertake)	
Related Transactions)	

STAFF’S REPORT IN RESPONSE TO COMMISSION ORDER

COMES NOW the Staff of the Commission and in response to the Commission’s July 14, 2011 *Order Directing Staff to File Recommendation* states that Staff is still gathering information necessary to make an informed recommendation to the Commission. In support Staff states:

1. Staff is still investigating this matter and is expecting additional information to be filed.
2. Staff counsel notes that this particular application involves a stock sale and the Commission has declined to take jurisdiction over such transactions.
3. Staff proposes to file its recommendation or another status update in thirty days.

WHEREFORE Staff notifies the Commission it is still reviewing the application in this case and suggests the Commission set a date of September 15 for an additional report from the Staff.

Respectfully submitted,

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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 15th day of August, 2011.

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