

**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 Authorizing )  
them to Perform in Accordance with a Merger )  
Agreement and to Undertake Related )  
Transactions )  
)

**Case No. GM-2011-0412**

**STAFF’S UPDATE IN RESPONSE TO COMMISSION ORDER**

**COMES NOW** the Staff of the Commission and in response to the Commission’s September 19, 2011 *Order Directing Staff to File Recommendation* states:

1. Staff is continuing its review of the September 15, 2011, Amended Application with Amended Appendices filed on behalf of Energy Transfer Equity, LP, Missouri Gas Energy, Southern Union Company, and Sigma Acquisition Corporation (collectively the “Companies.”)
2. Staff is actively pursuing discovery and, in addition, has had discussions with the Companies involved in this case.
3. At this time Staff does not have sufficient information to make an informed recommendation to the Commission.
4. Staff is expecting the Companies to file testimony soon, and this will give Staff additional information necessary to process this case.

**WHEREFORE** Staff notifies the Commission it is reviewing the September 15, 2011, Amended Application and expects direct testimony to be filed soon, which will provide additional information necessary to determine how to proceed in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

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 17th day of October, 2011.