## 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 PARTIES TO FILE RECOMMENDATION**

Issue Date: February 6, 2012

Effective Date: February 6, 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 February 3, 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 10 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 10, 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

Steven C. Reed Secretary

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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 6th day of February, 2012.