

# 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 STAFF TO FILE RECOMMENDATION

Issue Date: January 6, 2012

Effective Date: January 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 January 6, 2012, the Commission's Staff filed a status report indicating it anticipates filing a recommendation regarding the need for further proceedings by January 18. The Commission will direct Staff to file its recommendation at the indicated time.

### THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. No later than January 18, 2012, Staff shall file either its recommendation regarding the proposed merger, or a recommendation as to how the Commission should proceed to consider that application.
2. This order shall become effective immediately upon issuance.

( S E A L )

**BY THE COMMISSION**



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