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Mr. Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge
Missouri Public Service Commission
P.O. Box 360
Jefferson City, MO 65102

**Re: In the Matter of the Investment of Southern Union Company in Valley
Resources, Inc., Fall River Gas Company and Providence Energy Corporation
Case No. GF-2000-504**

Dear Mr. Roberts:

On behalf of Southern Union Company, I deliver herewith an original and fourteen (14) copies of a Motion for Expedited Consideration to be filed with the Commission. A copy is also being hand-delivered to The Office of the Public Counsel this date.

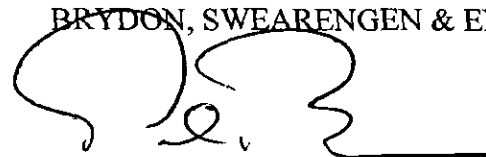
I have also enclosed an extra copy of the Application which I request that you stamp "Filed" and return to the person delivering same to you.

Thank you for your attention in this matter.

Sincerely,

BRYDON, SWEARENGEN & ENGLAND P.C.

By:



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cc: The Office of Public Counsel

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
STATE OF MISSOURI

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In the matter of the application of Southern)
Union Company for authority to acquire up)
to and including five percent (5%) of the)
common stock of Fall River Gas Company,)
Valley Resources, Inc., and Providence)
Energy Corporation.)

Case No. GF-2000-504

MOTION FOR EXPEDITED CONSIDERATION

COMES NOW Southern Union Company ("Southern Union"), by counsel, and for its motion to expedite consideration of its Application in the captioned matter, states to the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission") as follows:

1. On February 17, 2000, Southern Union caused to be filed with the Commission an Application for authority to make described investment in Providence Energy Corporation ("ProvEnergy"), Fall River Gas Company ("Fall River") and Valley Resources, Inc. ("Valley") (hereinafter collectively the "Investments") in the captioned matter. The Application seeks an order authorizing Southern Union to purchase or acquire up to and including five percent (5%) of the capital stock of each of ProvEnergy, Fall River and Valley Resources throughout the time leading up to the close of the pending mergers of each of said companies with and into Southern Union. In its Application, Southern Union has requested an order by March 30, 2000, authorizing the Investments bearing an effective date of no later than April 11, 2000.

2. As noted in the Application, the Commission has previously granted similar authority to Southern Union in Case No. GM-2000-49 in connection with its merger with Pennsylvania Enterprises, Inc. The proposed conditions to any approval set forth in paragraph 19 of the Application are essentially identical to those conditions imposed by the Commission in approving

Southern Union's application in Case No. GM-2000-49.

WHEREFORE, for good cause shown, Southern Union requests that the Commission issue an order directing that this matter be given expedited consideration such that a determination by the Commission on Southern Union's Application may issue at the earliest possible opportunity, but in no event later than March 30, 2000, bearing an effective date of April 11, 2000.

Respectfully submitted,



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Certificate of Service

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing document was sent by U.S. Mail, postage prepaid, or hand-delivered, on this 18th day of February, 2000, to:

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