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# Southern Union's Transformation

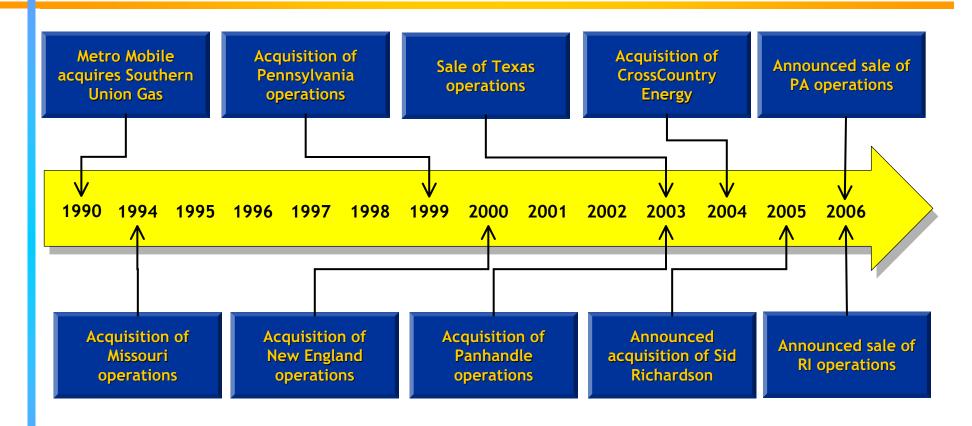


# **Background - The Early Years**

- The Company was founded by Clint Murchison, an oil man/financier and incorporated in 1929
- The Company built a pipeline into Wink, TX that charged \$5 a month for unlimited natural gas (customer provides line to home)
- Early businesses included natural gas, water, pipeline and production companies
- Operations from 1929 1980 expanded into five states: Texas, New Mexico, Arizona, Oklahoma and Arkansas
- The Company went into a period of divestiture in the late 80's
- By late 1980's, the company operated almost entirely in the gas distribution business in Texas, Arizona, and Oklahoma
- Talk of deregulating the natural gas industry became more serious
- In 1990, Metro Mobile (whose founder and major holder was George Lindemann) purchased Southern Union Company for \$175 million
- During the 1990's the Company made of series of acquisitions in the distribution business, setting the stage for what SUG is becoming...



#### Southern Union Milestones



Actively manage portfolio of assets to increase shareholder value



# **SUG Today**

- Equity listed on the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE:SUG)
- Equity market capitalization over \$2.7 billion
- Enterprise value over \$5.4 billion
- Total assets over \$5.6 billion
- Investment grade credit ratings recently affirmed
  - BBB Standard & Poor's
  - Baa3 Moody's Investor Services
  - BBB Fitch Ratings



# **Business Segments**

- Transportation and Storage
  - Panhandle Energy
    - Panhandle Eastern Pipe Line
    - Trunkline Gas Company
    - Sea Robin Pipeline
    - Trunkline LNG
    - Southwest Gas Storage
  - CrossCountry Energy (50% equity interest)
    - Transwestern Pipeline (100%)
    - Florida Gas Transmission (50%)



### **Business Segments (continued)**

- Distribution
  - Missouri Gas Energy
  - New England Gas Company
  - PG Energy
- Gas Services
  - Sid Richardson Energy Services



# Our Widespread Asset Base





#### **Distribution Assets**

#### Missouri Gas Energy



- Headquartered in Kansas City, MO
- Serves approximately 500,000 customers
- Serves 34 counties throughout MO
- Regulated by the Missouri PSC

#### **PG Energy**



- Headquartered in Wilkes-Barre, PA
- Serves approximately 160,000 customers
- Serves 13 counties in northeastern and central PA
- Regulated by the Pennsylvania PUC
- Announced sale to UGI for \$580 million

#### New England Gas Co.



- Headquartered in Providence, RI
- Serves approximately 300,000 customers
- Serves the state of Rhode Island and SE Massachusetts
- Regulated by the RI PUC and the Massachusetts DT&E
- Announced sale of RI asset to National Grid for \$575 million including assumed debt of \$77 million

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## Pipeline Assets

- Panhandle Eastern Pipe Line (PEPL)
  - 6,500 mile, 4-line system
  - 2.8 Bcf/d capacity
- Trunkline Gas (TGC)
  - 3,500 mile, 2-line system
  - 1.5 Bcf/d capacity
- Sea Robin
  - 450 mile offshore system
  - 1.0 Bcf/d capacity

- Transwestern (TW) 50%
  - 2,400 mile, bi-directional flow system
  - 2.1 Bcf/d capacity (1.2 Bcf/d west; 800 MMcf/d east)
  - 1.2 Bcf/d San Juan to mainline capacity
- Florida Gas (FGT) 25%
  - 5,000 mile, system
  - 2.1 Bcf/d capacity

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# Trunkline LNG Company



Above: Artist's rendering of expanded facility.

- One of North America's largest operating facilities
- Fully contracted with high credit quality counterparty— BG Group—until 2023
- 1.2 Bcf/d baseload sendout
- 6.3 Bcf storage
- Two phase expansion underway to triple send out capacity to 1.8 Bcf/d
- Storage being expanded to 9 Bcf

Trunkline LNG is the Leading Player in LNG Sector

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# **Strategic Overview**



# Our Strategy to Drive Value

- Efficiently manage existing assets
- Use free cash flow to fund growth and optimize capitalization
- Continue to integrate business units
- Evaluate structural/strategic opportunities
  - Sid Richardson Energy Services

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# The Sid Richardson Acquisition



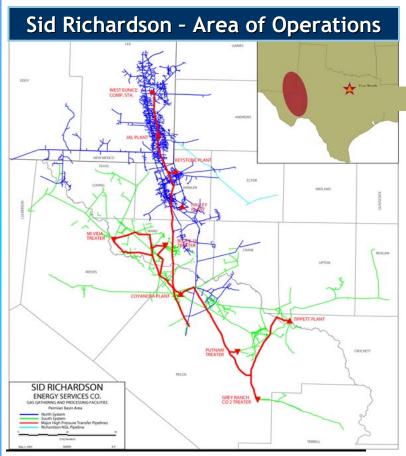
# The Sid Rich Acquisition

- On March 1, 2006, SUG closed the acquisition of 100% of the G.P. & L.P. interests in Sid Richardson Energy Services Co. / Richardson Energy Marketing
- Purchase price: \$1.6 billion; 7.3x 2006E EBITDA
- SUG closed using interim financing, which we intend to replace with appropriate permanent financing within the calendar year
- Sid Richardson to operate as Southern Union Gas Services

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# System Map and Asset Detail



Source: Sid Richardson Energy Services

- 1. As of April 2005.
- 2. Active plants are expandable to 485 MMcf/d.
- 3. Each of the 4 active processing plants also contain treating plants.
- 4. Represents compression HP at the Grey Ranch and Mi Vida treating plants.

#### **Pipelines**

Total Miles 4,646 Producer Delivery Points 1,758

Current Throughput 536 Bbtu/d (1) Field Compression HP 103,600/57,000

#### **Gas Processing Plants**

(Total/Active)

Number of Plants 5/4

Processing Capacity (2) 470/412 MMcfd

Processing Throughput 361 MMcfd

Field Compression HP 127,520/82,000

#### Treating Plants (3)

(Total/Active)

Number of Plants 8/6

Treating Capacity 765/710 MMcfd

Treating Throughput 468 MMcfd

Compression HP (4) 11,600/6,600



#### Sid Richardson Overview

- Sid Rich is a leading provider of gas gathering and processing services in the SE New Mexico and West Texas areas of the Permian Basin
- Led by long-standing, experienced management team that will stay with the asset
- High quality asset base anchored by fully integrated pipeline system
- Strategically located throughout 16 counties surrounding one of Texas' major natural gas producing regions



### Sid Richardson Overview (continued)

- Richardson Energy Marketing Services is a selfsupporting marketing company providing gas control functions to ensure optimal value is realized for residual gas and NGL production
  - Specifically for marketing and sales operations, not speculative trading
- Attractive downstream markets include:
  - Residue gas: (1) California, Mid-con, Texas
  - NGLs: (2) Mont Belvieu

<sup>1.</sup> Major connections include ATMOS Pipeline, El Paso Natural Gas Co, Energy Transfer Fuel LP, Enterprise Texas Pipeline, Transwestern Pipeline.

<sup>2.</sup> Major connections include Chapparal, Louis Dreyfus, and Chevron pipelines.

# Lower Risk Profile than Other Midstream Businesses

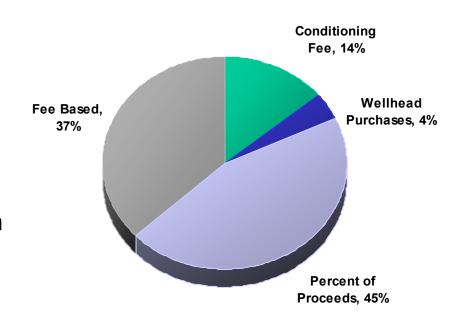
- Large geographic footprint with strategic location throughout the prolific, long-lived Permian Basin
- Low risk portfolio of producer contracts
- Fully integrated midstream system allowing maximum flexibility and utilization of capacity to take advantage of pricing point differentials
- Access to attractive downstream markets through direct interconnections to all Permian / WAHA interstate and intrastate pipelines
- Experienced field personnel and strong, commercially oriented management team focused on asset integrity and efficient, safe operations



# **Strong Contract Mix**

- Sid Richardson's contract mix helps reduce fluctuations in cash flows associated with volatile commodity prices
- Focused contract mix with POP/Fee Based representing over 96% of contracts
  - Fee-based represents no commodity price exposure
  - Percent-of-proceeds results in long gas/long liquids position
  - Minimal exposure to keepwhole contracts (short gas/long liquids position)

#### 2005 Total System Profile



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## Mitigated Contract Risk

- Percent of Proceeds Contracts
  - 45% by volume
  - 80 85% by margin
  - Spreads price risk to both producer and pipeline
  - Fixed recovery and fuel % in contract
  - Allows pipeline and producer to hedge its interests
  - Allows pipeline to benefit from operational flexibility
  - Creates pipeline option to optimize revenue when processing is economic
  - Contract contains recovery of treating, compression and gathering services
- Fee Based/Conditioning Fee Contracts
  - 55% by volume
  - 15 20% by margin
  - Contracts contain fixed fees for service
  - Depending on gas quality contracts may contain upside for processing and no downside risk below base fee
  - Creates exposure to diverse producer base without downside commodity risk

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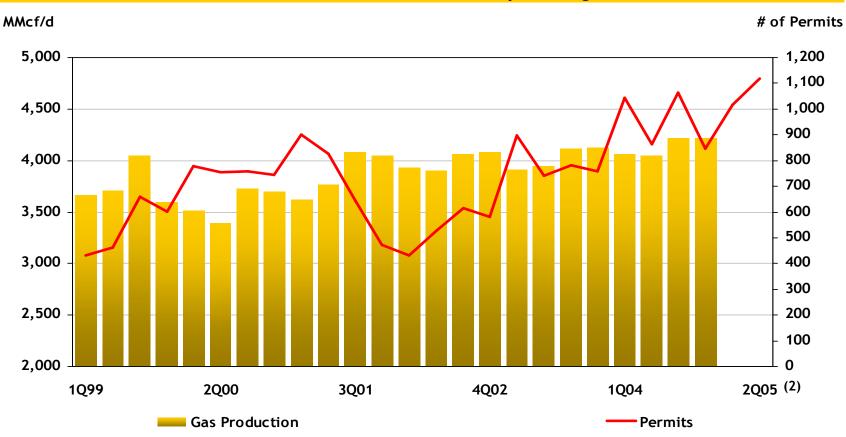
# **Hedging Strategy**

- SUG has puts in place to limit downside and reduce exposure to commodity price risk
  - \$11 floor for 2006 on 85% of volumes
  - \$10 floor for 2007 on 50% of volumes
- We will continue to layer in price protection as gas markets develop
- We can hedge appropriately on Waha natural gas due to fixed recovery contract structure; eliminates exposure to NGL's and to basis risk



# Long-Lived Reserves

# Well Permits and Production West Texas and SE New Mexico Operating Area (1)



Source: HPDI U.S. Historical and PI/Dwights Plus.

- (1) Represents well permits and production from the 16 counties in which Sid Richardson operates.
- (2) 2Q projection is April and May normalized.

# Financing Plan and Balance Sheet Improvements

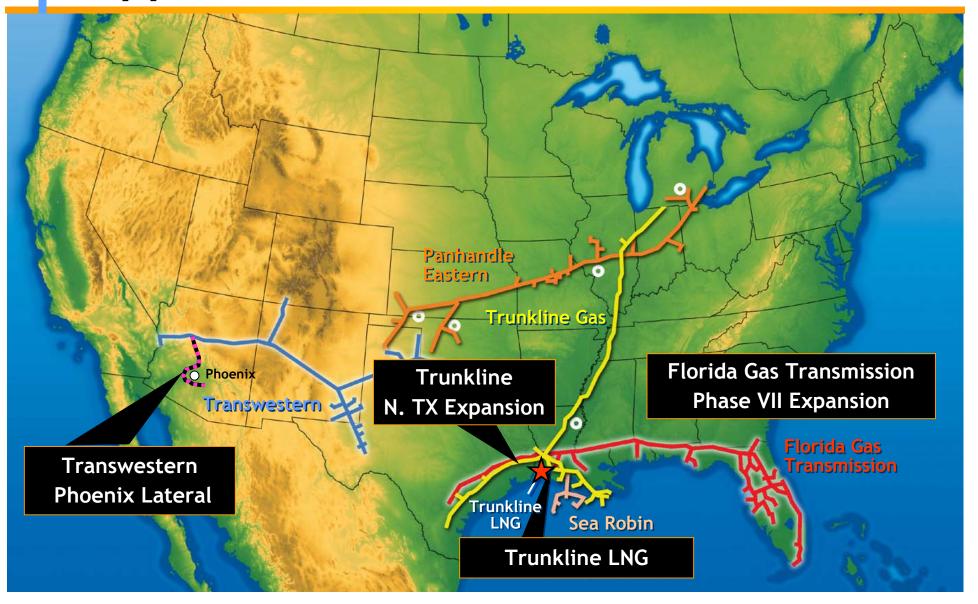
- SUG is committed to financing the acquisition in a manner that allows the Company to maintain its investment grade ratings
- SUG will temporarily finance the purchase price with a \$1.6 billion 364-Day Bridge Term Loan facility at Southern Union
- Permanent financing plan expected to include:
  - Sale of LDC assets (PA & RI properties)
    - \$1.1 billion approximate net proceeds
    - Expect advantageous tax treatment
  - Combination of debt, equity or equity linked securities for the remainder of the net purchase price
- Other balance sheet improvements include the \$125 million conversion of equity units to common stock in August 2006
- Free cash flow from acquired assets will be used for further debt reduction and provide balance sheet and credit metrics improvement
- Consolidated credit metrics will remain consistent with investment grade parameters



# **Growth Projects**



# **Opportunities for Growth**





# **Projects in Process**

Project Name	Capacity	Est. Cost (\$MM)	Est. EBIT (\$MM)	In Service	SUG %	Comments
Trunkline LNG Phase I	570 MMcf/d 3 Bcf storage	\$137	\$28	Early 2006	100%	Under construction
Trunkline LNG Phase II	600 MMcf/d	\$82	\$16	Mid 2006	100%	Under construction
Florida Gas Phase VII	100 - 160 MMcf/d	\$60 - \$100	\$6 - \$14	Mid 2007	25%	Filed with FERC

NOTE: EBIT is equivalent to operating income under GAAP.



# **Projects Under Negotiation**

Project Name	Capacity	Est. Cost (\$MM)	In Service	SUG %
Trunkline North Texas	600 MMcf/d	\$90 - \$110	Late 2007	100%
Transwestern Phoenix Lateral	500 MMcf/d	\$500 - \$600	Early 2008	50%
Trunkline LNG IEP	Vaporization & NGL extraction	\$250 - \$280	Early 2008	100%

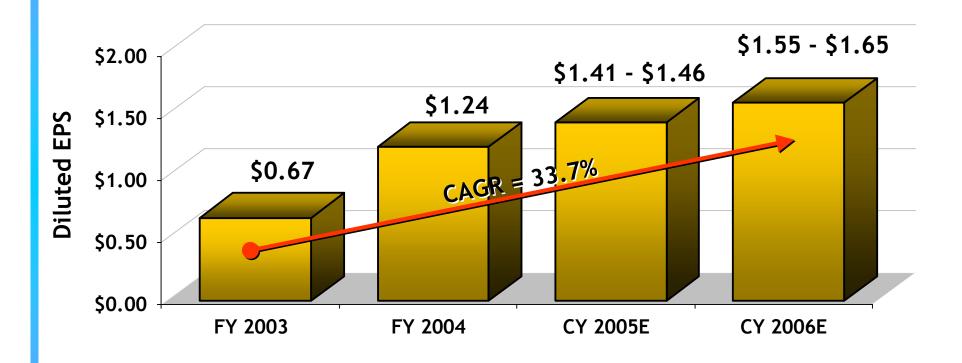
NOTE: Estimated project costs are subject to revision based upon final project specifications.



# **Financial Information**



#### **EPS Growth Profile**

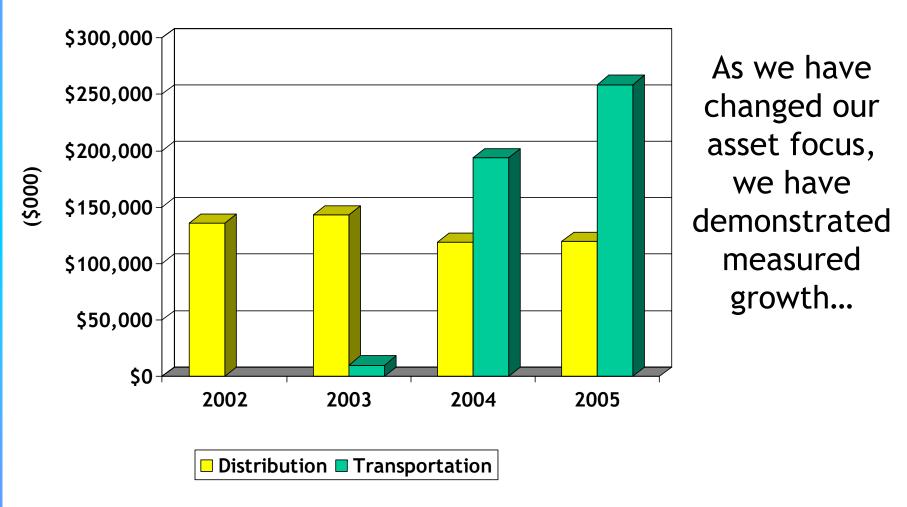


Note: All current and prior year EPS amounts have been adjusted to reflect the 5% stock dividend paid to shareholders on September 1, 2005. Previously announced 2006 guidance does not include earnings from Sid Richardson or the announced sale of select LDC operations. This slide is solely being used to illustrate historic earnings growth. The Company will provide updated guidance on its annual earnings call.

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# Segment Operating Income

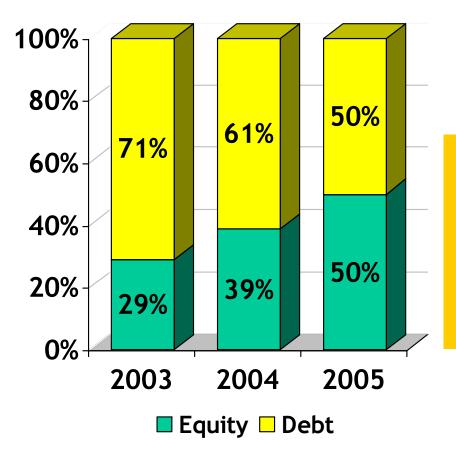


Note: Data shown represents fiscal years ended June 30, 2002 through 2004. 2005 represents trailing twelve months ended September 30, 2005.

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# Respect for the Balance Sheet



...and improved our balance sheet.

We have accomplished this with a combination of prudent financing and strong internal equity formation.

Note: Debt/Cap ratio as of June 30, 2003 and 2004 and September 30, 2005; provides 100% equity credit for preferred stock and convertible equity units.



# **Dividend Policy**

- Recently, SUG's Board approved a modest cash dividend of \$.40 per share beginning Q1 2006 (\$45 mm annual cash cost)
- This will replace the 5% stock dividend previously issued
- Having a cash yield gains access to a broader base of investors
- The decision reflects continued confidence in the cash flows and earnings of SUG