

# Southern Union Co. Fundamental Company Report Including Financial, SWOT, Competitors and Industry Analysis

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# **Abstracts**

Southern Union Co. Fundamental Company Report provides a complete overview of the company's affairs. All available data is presented in a comprehensive and easily accessed format. The report includes financial and SWOT information, industry analysis, opinions, estimates, plus annual and quarterly forecasts made by stock market experts. The report also enables direct comparison to be made between Southern Union Co. and its competitors. This provides our Clients with a clear understanding of Southern Union Co. position in the <u>Energy</u> Industry.

The report contains detailed information about Southern Union Co. that gives an unrivalled in-depth knowledge about internal business-environment of the company: data about the owners, senior executives, locations, subsidiaries, markets, products, and company history.

Another part of the report is a SWOT-analysis carried out for Southern Union Co.. It involves specifying the objective of the company's business and identifies the different factors that are favorable and unfavorable to achieving that objective. SWOT-analysis helps to understand company's strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and possible threats against it.

The Southern Union Co. financial analysis covers the income statement and ratio trend-charts with balance sheets and cash flows presented on an annual and quarterly basis. The report outlines the main financial ratios pertaining to profitability, margin analysis, asset turnover, credit ratios, and company's long-



term solvency. This sort of company's information will assist and strengthen your company's decision-making processes.

In the part that describes Southern Union Co. competitors and the industry in whole, the information about company's financial ratios is compared to those of its competitors and to the industry. The unique analysis of the market and company's competitors along with detailed information about the internal and external factors affecting the relevant industry will help to manage your business environment. Your company's business and sales activities will be boosted by gaining an insight into your competitors' businesses.

Also the report provides relevant news, an analysis of PR-activity, and stock price movements. The latter are correlated with pertinent news and press releases, and annual and quarterly forecasts are given by a variety of experts and market research firms. Such information creates your awareness about principal trends of Southern Union Co. business.

#### About Southern Union Co.

Southern Union Company engages in the gathering, processing, transportation, storage and distribution of natural gas in the United States. The company owns and operates assets in the regulated and unregulated natural gas industry.

#### Segments

The company operates in three segments: Transportation and Storage; Gathering and Processing; and Distribution.

#### TRANSPORTATION AND STORAGE SEGMENT

The Transportation and Storage Segment is primarily engaged in the interstate transportation of natural gas to Midwest, Southwest and Florida markets and related storage, and also provides liquified natural gas (LNG) terminalling and regasification services. The segment's operations are conducted through Panhandle Eastern Pipe Line Company, LP (Panhandle) and Florida Gas Transmission Company, LLC (Florida Gas).

Panhandle: Panhandle owns and operates a natural gas open-access interstate pipeline



network. The pipeline network, consisting of the PEPL transmission system, the Trunkline transmission system and the Sea Robin transmission system, serves customers in the Midwest and Southwest with an array of transportation and storage services. Panhandle Eastern Pipe Line Company, LP's (PEPL) transmission system consists of four large diameter pipelines extending approximately 1,300 miles from producing areas in the Anadarko Basin of Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas through Missouri, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio and into Michigan. Trunkline Gas Company, LLC's (Trunkline) transmission system consists of two large diameter pipelines extending approximately 1,400 miles from the Gulf Coast areas of Texas and Louisiana through Arkansas, Mississippi, Tennessee, Kentucky, Illinois and Indiana to a point on the Indiana-Michigan border. Sea Robin Pipeline Company, LLC's (Sea Robin) transmission system consists of two offshore Louisiana natural gas supply systems extending approximately 81 miles into the Gulf of Mexico. In connection with its gas transmission and storage systems, Panhandle has five gas storage fields located in Illinois, Kansas, Louisiana, Michigan and Oklahoma. Pan Gas Storage, LLC (doing business as Southwest Gas) operates four of these fields and Trunkline operates one. Through Trunkline LNG, Panhandle owns and operates an LNG terminal in Lake Charles, Louisiana. Panhandle provides firm transportation services under contract to local distribution company customers and their affiliates, gas marketers, producers, other pipelines, electric power generators and various end-users.

Florida Gas: Florida Gas is an open-access interstate pipeline system with a mainline capacity of 2.1 Bcf/d and approximately 5,000 miles of pipelines extending from south Texas through the Gulf Coast region of the United States to south Florida. Florida Gas' pipeline system primarily receives natural gas from natural gas producing basins along the Louisiana and Texas Gulf Coast, Mobile Bay and offshore Gulf of Mexico. Florida Gas is the principal transporter of natural gas to the Florida energy market. In addition, Florida Gas' pipeline system operates and maintains approximately 60 interconnects with major interstate and intrastate natural gas pipelines, which provide Florida Gas' customers access to various natural gas producing regions.

#### Customers

The company's major customers include BG LNG Services; ProLiance; Florida Power & Light; and Tampa Electric/Peoples Gas.

#### Competition

The company competes with Kinder Morgan's Rockies Express Pipeline. Its direct



competitors also include Alliance Pipeline LP; ANR Pipeline Company; Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America; ONEOK Partners; Texas Gas Transmission Corporation; Northern Natural Gas Company; Vector Pipeline; Columbia Gulf Transmission; and Midwestern Gas Transmission. Florida Gas also competes in peninsular Florida with Gulfstream Natural Gas System, L.L.C., a joint venture of Spectra Energy Corporation and The Williams Companies. Florida Gas also serves the Florida panhandle, where it competes with Gulf South Pipeline Company, LP and the natural gas transportation business of Southern Natural Gas.

GATHERING AND PROCESSING SEGMENT

The Gathering and Processing segment is primarily engaged

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# **ANALYSIS FEATURES**

#### **SWOT Analysis**

SWOT, which stands for Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats, is an analytical framework that identifies the internal and external factors that are favorable and unfavorable for a company.

#### **Enhanced SWOT Analysis**

Enhanced SWOT is a 3×3 grid that arranges strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats into one scheme:

How to use the strengths to take advantage of the opportunities?

How to use the strengths to reduce likelihood and impact of the threats?

How to overcome the weaknesses that obstruct taking advantage of the opportunities?

How to overcome the weaknesses that can make the threats a reality?

Upon answering these questions a company can develop a project plan to improve its business performance.

#### **PESTEL Analysis**

PESTEL (also termed as PESTLE) is an ideal tool to strategically analyze what influence different outside factors – political, economic, sociocultural, technological, environmental and legal – exert on a business to later chart its long term targets.

Being part of the external analysis when carrying out a strategic assessment or performing a market study, PESTEL gives an overview of diverse macro-environmental factors that any company should thoughtfully consider. By perceiving these outside environments, businesses can maximally benefit from the opportunities while minimizing the threats to the organization.



Key Factors Examined by PESTEL Analysis:

Political – What opportunities and pressures are brought by political bodies and what is the degree of public regulations' impact on the business?

Economic – What economic policies, trends and structures are expected to affect the organization, what is this influence's degree?

Sociological – What cultural and societal aspects will work upon the demand for the business's products and operations?

Technological – What impact do the technological aspects, innovations, incentives and barriers have on the organization?

Environmental – What environmental and ecological facets, both locally and farther afield, are likely to predetermine the business?

Legal – What laws and legislation will exert influence on the style the business is carried out?

#### IFE, EFE, IE Matrices

The Internal Factor Evaluation matrix (IFE matrix) is a strategic management tool helping audit or evaluate major weaknesses and strengths in a business's functional areas. In addition, IFE matrix serves as a basis for identifying and assessing relationships amongst those areas. The IFE matrix is utilised in strategy formulation.

The External Factor Evaluation matrix (EFE matrix) is a tool of strategic management that is typically utilised to assess current market conditions. It is an ideal instrument for visualising and prioritising the threats and opportunities a firm is facing.

The essential difference between the above mentioned matrices lies in the type of factors incorporated in the model; whilst the latter is engaged in internal factors, the former deals exceptionally with external factors – those exposed to social, political, economic, legal, etc. external forces.

Being a continuation of the EFE matrix and IFE matrix models, the Internal External matrix (IE matrix) rests upon an investigation of external and internal business factors



integrated into one suggestive model.

#### **Porter Five Forces Analysis**

The Porter's five forces analysis studies the industry of operation and helps the company find new sources of competitive advantage. The analysis surveys an industry through five major questions:

What composes a threat of substitute products and services?

Is there a threat of new competitors entering the market?

What is the intensity of competitive rivalry?

How big is the bargaining power of buyers?

How significant is the bargaining power of suppliers?

#### **VRIO** Analysis

VRIO stands for Value, Rarity, Imitability, Organization. This analysis helps to evaluate all company's resources and capabilities and bring them together into one aggregate table that includes:

Tangible resources Financial

Physical

Technological

Organizational

Intangible resources Human

Innovation and Creativity



Reputation

Organizational capabilities

The result of the analysis gives a clear picture of company's competitive and economic implications, answering the questions if the resources mentioned above are:

Valuable?

Rare?

Costly to imitate?

Organized properly?



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