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## News Release

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# Dominion/Louis Dreyfus Natural Gas Registration Statement Declared Effective

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma – Louis Dreyfus Natural Gas Corp. (NYSE: LD) today announced that on September 27, 2001, the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) declared effective the registration statement filed on Form S-4 by Dominion Resources, Inc. (NYSE: D), concerning the acquisition by merger of Louis Dreyfus Natural Gas.

A special meeting of Louis Dreyfus Natural Gas' shareholders will be held on October 30, 2001 for shareholders of record on September 24, 2001 to vote on the merger, and Louis Dreyfus Natural Gas' shareholders are being mailed a proxy statement in connection therewith. The companies expect to close the merger promptly after it is approved by shareholders.

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*Louis Dreyfus Natural Gas is one of the largest independent natural gas companies engaged in the acquisition, development, exploration, production and marketing of natural gas and crude oil in the United States. Louis Dreyfus Natural Gas is headquartered in Oklahoma City, Okla., and has about 400 employees. For more information about Louis Dreyfus Natural Gas, visit the company's web site at [www.ldng.com](http://www.ldng.com).*