

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

Ozark Energy Partners, LLC,)	
Complainant,)	
)	
v.)	
)	<u>Case No. GC-2008-0154</u>
Southern Missouri Gas Company, L.P. d/b/a)	
Southern Missouri Natural Gas,)	
)	
Respondent.)	

STAFF’S REQUEST FOR EXTENSION TO FILE REPORT

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Staff”), by and through counsel, and for its *Request for Extension to File Report* states the following:

1. On November 20, 2007, the Commission issued its Order Directing Staff to Investigate and File Report in which Staff was ordered to investigate and file a report concerning the results of its investigation of Ozark Energy Partners, LLC’s formal complaint against Southern Missouri Gas Company, L.P. d/b/a Southern Missouri Natural Gas (“SMNG”).

2. SMNG filed its Motion to Dismiss, Answer and Affirmative Defenses on December 19, 2007, citing transcript testimony from Commission Case No. GA-2007-0168, filed on December 5, 2007. Staff would like to further review the information provided in the transcripts of that case as it appears to directly relate to allegations within this complaint.

3. Further, on December 21, 2007, Staff requested information from SMNG to complete its investigation. Staff believes that SMNG may be able to provide the information prior to its January 10, 2008, due date. However, in an abundance of caution, Staff respectfully requests that it be given an extension of January 11, 2008, to file its report in case the information does not arrive before the due date.

4. Staff respectfully asks for an extension to file its investigation report findings to on or before January 11, 2008.

WHEREFORE, the Staff respectfully requests the Commission grant Staff an extension so that Staff may file its report on or before January 11, 2008.

Respectfully Submitted,

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I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand-delivered, transmitted by facsimile or electronically mailed to all counsel of record this 26th day of December 2007.

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