

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

Office of the Public Counsel)	
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Complainant,)	
)	
v.)	Case No. GC-2006-0180
)	
Southern Missouri Gas Company, L.P.)	
)	
Respondent.)	

STATUS REPORT

COMES NOW the Office of the Public Counsel and on behalf of the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission and Southern Missouri Gas Company, L.P. ("SMGC") states as follows with respect to this case.

1. At the pre-hearing conference on December 13, 2005, the parties were instructed to file a status report by Tuesday December 20, 2005 setting forth a procedural schedule for dealing with this case.

2. After discussion the parties have agreed that they would benefit from further discussions whereby representatives of SMGC will meet with Public Counsel and Staff to discuss in greater detail the 2005 natural gas hedging activities and strategies of SMGC.

3. The parties have agreed that on January 18, 2005, Randal T. Maffett, President and CEO of Sendero Asset Management, the managing partner of SMGC, will meet with Staff and Public Counsel.

4. After that meeting, the parties believe that they will be in a better position to recommend a procedural schedule for this case.

WHEREFORE, the parties respectfully request that the Commission accept this status report.

Respectfully submitted,

Office of the Public Counsel

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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