BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the matter of the application of)	
Southern Missouri Gas Company, L.P. for)	Case No. GE-2006-0156
a variance from 4 CSR 240-14.020(1)(D))	

STAFF STATUS REPORT AND PROPOSED DATE FOR FILING STAFF RECOMMENDATION

COMES NOW the Staff of the Commission and for its Status Report, requests an extension of time to file its recommendation in this case. In support of that request, Staff states:

- 1. On October 10, 2005, Southern Missouri Gas Company. L.P. (SMGC) filed an application for variance from certain sections of the Commission's Promotional Practices Rule.
- 2. SMGC requests that the Commission permit SMGC to offer a water heater rebate program.
- 3. SMGC asserts that the program is intended to encourage customers, builders and developers to install natural-gas-fired hot water heaters.
- 4. SMGC further contends that the program is necessary to compete with unregulated electric cooperatives and propane suppliers in its certificated area.
- 5. On October 12, 2005, the Commission issued its Order Directing Filing in which it ordered the Staff to file its Recommendation or a Status Report.
- 6 Staff has requested that SMGC provide specimen tariffs for the Staff's review.

 Those tariff sheets were received on November 10.
- 7. Staff expects to be able to make its recommendation on both the proposed program and on the tariff sheets no later than November 18, 2005.

8. SMGC has expressed its agreement with this proposed date for filing Staff's Recommendation.

WHEREFORE Staff requests that the Commission accept this Status Report as in compliance with its October 12 Order Directing Filing.

Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand-delivered, transmitted by facsimile or emailed to all counsel of record this 10th day of November, 2005.

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