

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

In the Matter of Southern Missouri Natural)	
Gas Company, L.P.'s Purchased Gas)	
Adjustment (PGA) Factors to be Reviewed)	GR-2006-0352
in Its 2005-2006 Actual Cost Adjustment)	

**STAFF’S OBJECTIONS TO THE DIRECT TESTIMONY OF RANDAL T.
MAFFETT**

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff) and for its Objections to the Direct Testimony of Randall T. Maffett respectfully states as follows:

1. Staff objects to the statement “as did many of our suppliers and market analysts with whom we regularly confer” found at page 10, lines 14-17 of the direct testimony of Randal T. Maffett. If this witness is not an expert, this statement is hearsay. If the witness is an expert, this statement lacks proper foundation.

2. Staff objects to the statement “as well as information from many active market participants” found at page 17, lines 18-19 of the direct testimony of Randal T. Maffett. If the witness is not an expert, this statement is hearsay. If this witness is an expert, this statement lacks proper foundation.

3. Staff objects to the entire question and answer found at page 18, line 20-24 and page 19, lines 1-18 of the direct testimony of Randal T. Maffett. This question and answer calls for and contains a legal conclusion. The witness is not competent to answer this question.

4. Staff objects to the entire question and answer found at page 19, lines 20-29 and page 20, line 1 of the direct testimony of Randal T. Maffett. This question and

answer calls for and contains a legal conclusion. The witness is not competent to answer this question.

5. Staff objects to the entire question and answer found at page 20, lines 3-11 of the direct testimony of Randal T. Maffett. This question and answer calls for and contains a legal conclusion. The witness is not competent to answer this question.

6. Staff objects to the entire question and answer found at page 20, lines 13-23 of the direct testimony of Randal T. Maffett. This question and answer calls for and contains a legal conclusion. The witness is not competent to answer this question.

7. Staff object to the entire question and answer found at page 21, lines 1-14 of the direct testimony of Randal T. Maffett. This question and answer calls for and contains a legal conclusion. The witness is not competent to answer this question.

8. Staff objects to the entire question and answer found at page 21, lines 16-24 of the direct testimony of Randal T. Maffett. This question and answer calls for and contains a legal conclusion. The witness is not competent to answer this question.

9. Staff objects to the entire question and answer found at page 22, lines 1-34 and page 23, lines 1-19 of the direct testimony of Randal T. Maffett. This question and answer calls for and contains a legal conclusion. The witness is not competent to answer this question.

10. Staff objects to the entire question and answer found at page 23, lines 21-34 and page 24, lines 1-20 of the direct testimony of Randal T. Maffett. This question and answer calls for and contains a legal conclusion. The witness is not competent to answer this question.

11. Staff objects to the entire question and answer found at page 24, lines 25-33 and page 25, lines 1-2 of the direct testimony of Randal T. Maffett. This question and answer calls for and contains a legal conclusion. The witness is not competent to answer this question.

Respectfully submitted,

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