BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION STATE OF MISSOURI

| In the matter of the Application for Authority |) | |
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| of Sendero SMGC LP Acquisition Company, and |) | |
| Sendero SMGC GP Acquisition Company to purchase |) | |
| the partnership interests of DTE Enterprises, Inc. |) | Case No. GM-2005-0136 |
| and DTE Ozark, Inc. in Southern Missouri Gas |) | |
| Company, L.P., and for Southern Missouri Gas |) | |
| Company, L.P. to execute a Deed of Trust, Security |) | |
| Agreement and Financing Statement to secure a loan to |) | |
| to complete the transaction. |) | |

STAFF'S RESPONSE TO COMMISSION ORDER DIRECTING FILING

COMES NOW the Staff of the Commission (Staff) and submits its Response to the Commission's October 20, 2005 Order Directing Filing. In response Staff states:

- 1. Staff has received and reviewed the financing documents, which were required by the Non-Unanimous Stipulation and Agreement in this case.
 - 2. The case may be closed at this time.

Respectfully submitted,

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| October | 2005. | | | | | | | | | | | | - | |

/s/ Lera L. Shemwell