

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

Staff of the Missouri Public)	
Service Commission,)	
)	
Complainant,)	
)	
v.)	File No. GC-2011-0045
)	
Southern Missouri Gas Company, L.P.,)	
d/b/a Southern Missouri Natural Gas,)	
)	
Respondent.)	

MOTION TO SUSPEND FILING DEADLINE

COMES NOW Southern Missouri Gas Company, L.P. d/b/a Southern Missouri Natural Gas (“SMNG” or “Respondent”), pursuant to Missouri Public Service Commission (“Commission”) Rule 4 CSR 240-2.050(3)(A), and moves the Commission to suspend the deadline for filing its Answer in this matter, pending resolution of Commission File No. GR-2010-0347. In support of its Motion, SMNG respectfully states as follows:

1. On August 23, 2010, the above-titled complaint was filed with the Commission. Pursuant to Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.070, the Commission issued its Notice of Complaint on August 24, 2010, notifying Respondent that it “shall have 30 days from the date of this notice to file an answer or to file notice that the complaint has been satisfied.” Accordingly, Respondent’s Answer in this matter is due on Thursday, September 23, 2010.

2. SMNG currently has pending a Small Utility Rate Case designated File No. GR-2010-0347, in which the subject matter of the instant complaint may be resolved. In the interests of judicial efficiency, SMNG respectfully requests that the above-stated filing deadline for its Answer in this matter be suspended indefinitely, pending the resolution of SMNG's Small Utility Rate Case, File No. GR-2010-0347. Should the resolution of SMNG's rate increase request not dispose of the issue[s] presented in this complaint proceeding, the parties will notify the Regulatory Law Judge and jointly propose a date by which an answer must be filed.

3. SMNG is authorized to state that the Complainant does not oppose the relief requested herein.

WHEREFORE, for the foregoing reasons, SMNG respectfully requests that the Commission suspend indefinitely the filing deadline for its Answer in this matter, pending the resolution of Commission File No. GR-2010-0347.

Respectfully submitted,

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