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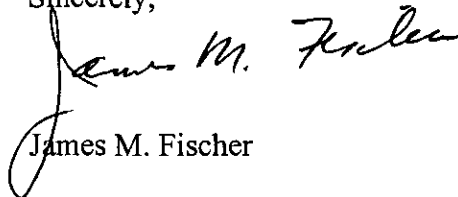
RE: *In the Matter of Southern Missouri Gas Company, L.P.*, Case No. GR-2000-485

Dear Mr. Roberts:

The purpose of this letter is to inform the Commission that Southern Missouri Gas Company ("SMGC") does not intend to file a response to the Staff's Suggestions in Support of Stipulation and Agreement that were filed on October 23, 2000. SMGC, however, respectfully requests that the Commission adopt the Staff Recommendation, and approve the request of SMGC for a general rate increase in the amount of \$390,000 as recommended in the Stipulation and Agreement at the earliest convenience of the Commission. SMGC hopes to have its proposed rates in effect by November 4, 2000, in order to coincide with its November billing cycle.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,


James M. Fischer

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cc: Office of the Public Counsel
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