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Mr. Dale Hardy Roberts  
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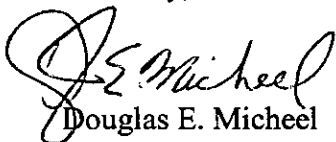
**RE: Southern Missouri Gas Company, L.P.,  
Case No. GR-2000-485**

Dear Mr. Roberts:

Enclosed for filing in the above referenced case, please find the original and 14 copies of **Office of the Public Counsel's Response**. Please "file stamp" the extra enclosed copies and return them to this office. I have on this date mailed, faxed, or hand-delivered the appropriate number of copies to all counsel of record.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

  
Douglas E. Micheel  
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cc: Counsel of record

Enclosure

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

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In the matter of Southern Missouri Gas )  
Company, L.P. for authority to file tariffs )  
increasing rates for gas service provided )  
to customers in the company's Missouri )  
service area. )

Case No. GR-2000-485

**OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC COUNSEL'S RESPONSE**

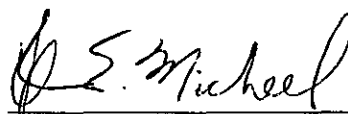
COMES NOW, the Office of the Public Counsel ("Public Counsel") and for its Response to Southern Missouri Gas Company L.P. Motion to Adopt Case Procedures Similar to the Small Rate Case Procedures and Staff's Recommendation and states as follows:

Public Counsel does not oppose adopting the procedures outlined in Southern Missouri Gas Company's Motion and Staff's Recommendation for this case and this case only.

Respectfully submitted,

**OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC COUNSEL**

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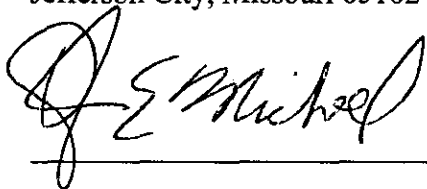
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I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing has been faxed, mailed or hand-delivered to the following counsel of record on this 10th day of March, 2000:

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