

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

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| In the matter of the Application |) | |
| for authority of Sendero SMGC LP Acquisition |) | |
| Company, and Sendero SMGC GP Acquisition |) | |
| Company to purchase the partnership interests |) | Case No. GM-2005-0136 |
| of DTE Enterprises, Inc. 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 complete the transaction. |) | |

**MOTION FOR ADDITIONAL EXTENSION OF THE DATE
FOR THE FILING OF THE STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

COME NOW Sendero SMGC GP Acquisition Company ("Sendero GP Company"), and Sendero SMGC LP Acquisition Company ("Sendero LP Company")(collectively referred to as "Sendero") and DTE Enterprises, Inc ("DTE Enterprises"), and DTE Ozark, Inc. ("DTE Ozark") (collectively referred to as "Joint Applicants") and hereby requests the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission") extend the date for the filing of the Staff Recommendation in this proceeding by two weeks from February 4, 2005, to February 18, 2005:

1. On January 19, 2005, the Commission issued its Order Granting Motion For Extension Of The Date For The Filing Of The Staff Recommendation in which it directed the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission to file its Recommendation no later than February 4, 2005.

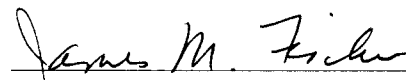
2. The Joint Applicants respectfully request that the Commission extend the date for the filing of the Staff Recommendation by two weeks from February 4, 2005, to February 18, 2005. Sendero has recently retained Frank Caro with Polsinelli, Shalton, Welte, Suelthaus to represent Sendero in this matter. This extension of time will allow the Joint Applicants additional time to file an amended application to address certain technical changes in the

proposed transaction, and provide some revised financial information to support its request for approval of the Application. It will also allow the parties to informally discuss the merits of the Application, and possibly enter into a Stipulation and Agreement to narrow the issues or resolve the matter.

3. The Joint Applicants have contacted counsel for the Staff, Public Counsel, and The Empire District Electric Company regarding this motion. These parties have no objection to the requested extension.

WHEREFORE, for the reasons set forth herein, the Joint Applicants respectfully request the Commission extend the date for the filing of the Staff Recommendation by two weeks from February 4, 2005, to February 18, 2005.

Respectfully submitted,



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