

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of Southern Missouri Gas Company,)
L.P.'s Purchased Gas Adjustment Factors to be) Case No. GR-2006-0352
Reviewed In Its 2005-2006 Actual Cost Adjustment.)

RESPONSE IN OPPOSITION TO STAFF'S OBJECTIONS TO THE DIRECT TESTIMONY OF RANDAL T. MAFFETT

COMES NOW Southern Missouri Gas Company, L.P. d/b/a Southern Missouri Natural Gas ("SMNG") and, pursuant to 4 CSR 240-2.080, provides its Response in Opposition To Staff's Objections to the Direct Testimony of Randal T. Maffett as follows:

In accordance with the Commission's *Order Adopting A Procedural Schedule* issued in this matter on August 16, 2007 ("Order"), SMNG prefiled the Direct Testimony of Randal T. Maffett on September 7, 2007. Regarding the prefiling of testimony, the Commission's Order provided as follows: "(A) The Commission will require that testimony be prefiled as defined in Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.130. All parties must comply with this rule, including the requirement that testimony be filed on line-numbered pages." (*Order*, page 2). Consistent with custom and practice before the Commission, SMNG will offer the prefiled testimony of Mr. Maffett into the record during the evidentiary hearing now scheduled in this matter on November 29, 2007, and will fully address, as appropriate, any objections to Mr. Maffett's testimony at that time. (*See*, "(E) All parties are required to bring an adequate number of copies of exhibits that they intend to offer into evidence at the hearing. ...") (*Order*, page 2). Indeed, there are two more rounds of testimony to be prefiled in this proceeding.

Nevertheless, whereas Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.080(15) requires that "Parties shall be allowed not more than ten (10) days from the date of filing in which to respond to any pleading unless otherwise ordered by the commission," SMNG, expressly reserving its right to further respond at hearing, states herein its opposition to the Staff's Objections To The Direct Testimony Of Randal T. Maffett ("Staff's Objections") filed on October 3, 2007.

Respectfully submitted,

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