BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of Southern Missouri Gas	)	
Company LP's, d/b/a Southern Missouri	)	
Natural Gas' Winter Purchased Gas	)	File No. GR-2012-0123
Adjustment Filing.	)	

STAFF RESPONSE TO
COMMISSION ORDER DIRRECTING FILING

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Staff") and files its Recommendation in this case.

1.   On October 21, 2011, Southern Missouri Gas Company d/b/a Southern Missouri Natural Gas Company, L.P. (SMNG or Company) of Mountain Grove, Missouri, filed a tariff sheet with a proposed effective date of November 4, 2011.

2.   Staff has completed its review of this case and has made recommendations, which are shown on Appendix A – Page 12.

3.   Staff requests the Commission issue its order directing SMNG to:

    a.   Adjust the balances in its next ACA filing as shown in Table 1 on page 12 of Appendix A attached hereto.

    b.   Respond to Staff's recommendations in Section II Billed Revenues and Actual Gas Costs Compliance (as shown on page 2 of Appendix A) that SMNG reduce its line pack expense by $5,988.

    c.   Respond to Staff's concerns related to: (1) supply agreements, (2) the Missouri School Pilot Program, Transportation Service (a/k/a School Aggregation), and (3) peak day estimates and capacity planning for normal, cold

and warm weather as discussed in the Reliability Analysis and Gas Supply Planning section of Staff's Report.

WHEREFORE Staff requests the Commission issue its order, as detailed above in paragraph 3.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand-delivered or transmitted by facsimile or electronic mail to all counsel of record this 30th day of May, 2012.

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