

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

In the Matter of the Application of)	
Southern Missouri Gas Company, L.P.)	Case No. GR-2010-0347
Request for a Small Company Rate)	Tracking No. JG-2011-0253
Increase.)	

**STAFF’S RESPONSE
TO ORDER DIRECTING FILING**

COMES NOW the Staff (“Staff”) of the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Commission”) and responds to the Commission’s January 14, 2011 *Order Directing Filing* directing Staff to file a statement concerning the *Company/Staff Agreement Regarding Disposition of Small Natural Gas Company Revenue Increase Request and Unanimous Disposition Agreement Modifying Company/Staff Agreement*, and the pending revised substitute tariff sheets. In response staff States:

In the table immediately below, Staff shows the effects of the agreement, the modification, and the pending tariffs, on an annual basis, for an average member of the following classes:

Annual Rate Difference	Percent Difference Between Current Rate and Original Agreement	Percent Difference Between Current Rate and Modified Agreement	Amount Diff. Between Current Rates and Original	Amount Diff. Between Current Rates and Modified
Residential	9.28%	8.72%	\$58.00	\$54.50
Optional Residential	15.66%	15.07%	\$92.50	\$89.00
General Service	7.74%	7.26%	\$45.20	\$42.40
Optional General Service	15.66%	14.82%	\$74.00	\$70.00

The company's large customer classes and transportation tariff sheets permit it to charge individual customers a transportation rate within a specific range of rates, and the Company may do so as long as their transportation rates are not unduly discriminatory. Staff is unable to individually calculate the difference for these individual large customer classes and transportation rates.

The Parties to this case recommend the Commission approve the following tariff sheets:

P.S.C. MO No. 1

1st revised Sheet No. iv, cancelling original Sheet No. iv;
2nd revised Sheet No. 1, cancelling 1st revised Sheet No. 1 (as substituted Jan. 14, 2011);
3rd revised Sheet No. 1.1, cancelling 2nd revised Sheet No. 1.1 (as substituted Jan. 14, 2011);
2nd revised Sheet No. 1.2, cancelling 1st revised Sheet No. 1.2 (as substituted Jan. 14, 2011);
2nd revised Sheet No. 2, cancelling 1st revised Sheet No. 2 (as substituted Jan. 14, 2011);
2nd revised Sheet No. 4, cancelling 1st revised Sheet No. 4;
3rd revised Sheet No. 6, cancelling 2nd revised Sheet No. 6 (as substituted Jan. 14, 2011);
1st revised Sheet No. 15.1, cancelling original Sheet No. 15.1;
1st revised Sheet No. 18.1, cancelling original Sheet No. 18.1;
1st revised Sheet No. 18.2, cancelling original Sheet No. 18.2;
1st revised Sheet No. 18.3, cancelling original Sheet No. 18.3;
1st revised Sheet No. 18.4, cancelling original Sheet No. 18.4;
1st revised Sheet No. 18.5, cancelling original Sheet No. 18.5 (as substituted Dec. 9, 2010);
1st revised Sheet No. 18.6, cancelling original Sheet No. 18.6 (as substituted Dec. 9, 2010);
1st revised Sheet No. 18.7, cancelling original Sheet No. 18.7;
2nd revised Sheet No. 28, cancelling 1st revised Sheet No. 28;
2nd revised Sheet No. 29, cancelling 1st revised Sheet No. 29;
1st revised Sheet No. 30, cancelling original Sheet No. 30;
1st revised Sheet No. 45, cancelling original Sheet No. 45;
1st revised Sheet No. 48, cancelling original Sheet No. 48 (as substituted Dec. 9, 2010);
1st revised Sheet No. 54, cancelling original Sheet No. 54;
2nd revised Sheet No. 60, cancelling 1st revised Sheet No. 60;
3rd revised Sheet No. 65, cancelling 2nd revised Sheet No. 65;
2nd revised Sheet No. 66, cancelling 1st revised Sheet No. 66 (as substituted Dec. 9, 2010);
4th revised Sheet No. 71, cancelling 3rd revised Sheet No. 71;
2nd revised Sheet No. 72, cancelling 1st revised Sheet No. 72;
2nd revised Sheet No. 73, cancelling 1st revised Sheet No. 73 (as substituted Dec. 9, 2010);
2nd revised Sheet No. 74, cancelling 1st revised Sheet No. 74; and
1st revised Sheet No. 75, cancelling original Sheet No. 75.

All sheets reflect the original Issued and Effective Dates of November 17, 2010, and January 1, 2011, respectively, as noted in the original cover letter initiating Tariff Tracking No. JG-2011-0253.

The Parties to the *Unanimous Disposition Agreement* further recommended the above noted tariffs should be allowed to go into effect February 1, 2011, and the Parties agreed to support any appropriate actions necessary to accomplish this objective.

WHEREFORE, Staff responds to the Commission's January 14 Order Directing Filing and recommends the Commission permit the above listed tariffs to go into effect no later than February 1, 2011.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served, either electronically or by hand delivery on this 18th day of January, 2011, on the parties of record as set out on the official Service List maintained by the Data Center of the Missouri Public Service Commission for this case.

/s/ Lera Shemwell