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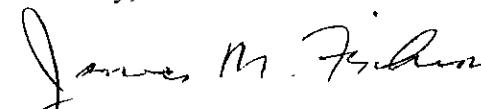
RE: *Southern Missouri Gas Company, L.P.*, Case No. GT-2003-0031

Dear Mr. Roberts:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced matter are the original and eight (8) copies of the Response To Order Directing Filing of Southern Missouri Gas Company, L.P. A copy of the foregoing document has been hand-delivered or mailed this date to each party of record.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,


James M. Fischer

Enclosures

cc: Office of the Public Counsel
Dana K. Joyce, General Counsel

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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In the Matter of the Tariff Filing of Southern) Case No. GT-2003-0031
Missouri Gas Company, L.P.) Tariff No. JG-2003-0047

RESPONSE TO ORDER DIRECTING FILING

COMES NOW Southern Missouri Gas Company, L.P. ("SMGC") by and through their counsel, and, pursuant to 4 CSR 240-2.080, hereby responds to the Commission's Order Setting Joint Procedural Conference And Order Directing Filing ("Order") issued on August 6, 2002. In support thereof, SMGC states as follows:

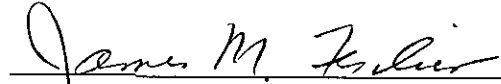
1. On August 6, 2002, the Commission issued its Order in which it directed that each of the companies must file a written pleading by August 12, 2002 setting forth the counties in which it does business.

2. In compliance with this Order, SMGC states that it does business in the following counties in Missouri, as previously identified with its tariffs on file with this Commission:

Greene, Webster, Wright, Texas, and Howell Counties.

WHEREFORE, having complied with the Commission's Order, SMGC respectfully requests that the tariffs it filed on August 1, 2002 be approved.

Respectfully submitted,



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I do hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing pleading has been emailed, hand-delivered or mailed, First Class mail, postage prepaid, this 12th day of August, 2002, to:

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