

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

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

**SOUTHERN MISSOURI GAS COMPANY'S  
RESPONSE TO ORDER TO FILE TARIFF**

COMES NOW Southern Missouri Gas Company, L.P. d/b/a Southern Missouri Natural Gas ("SMNG" or "Company"), and for its Response to the Missouri Public Service Commission's ("Commission") Order To File Tariff ("Order") issued in this matter on December 16, 2010, respectfully states as follows:

1. As the Commission's Order recognizes, this matter is being conducted in accordance with the provisions of Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-3.050, Small Utility Rate Case Procedure, a process governed by its own set of rules.

2. Included among the terms of the Disposition Agreement filed by the Commission's Staff on November 17, 2010, was the requirement that "SMNG shall file proposed tariff revisions with the Commission containing the rates, charges, and language set out in the specimen tariff sheets attached. (Attachment A)." Pursuant to, and in accordance with, the Disposition Agreement and Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-3.050(14), on November 17, 2010, SMNG filed proposed tariff revisions identical to the specimen tariff sheets with the Commission, bearing an effective date not fewer than forty-five (45) days after they were filed (January 1, 2011), to implement the agreement. Said tariff filing was assigned Tariff File No. JG-2011-0253, and service copies were

provided to Staff and the Office of the Public Counsel. A copy of this filing is attached hereto as Appendix A.

3. 4 CSR 240-3.050(14) also provides that no later than five (5) working days after it makes its tariff filing, the utility shall mail a second customer notice to each of its customers. Accordingly, SMNG timely mailed its Second Customer Notice to each of its customers (said Notice having been approved by both Staff and OPC) regarding the proposed tariff revisions and providing a summary of proposed rates on an average residential customer's bill. The notice invited customer comments and contained comment submission instructions. Staff filed a copy of the Second Customer Notice in the case file on November 26, 2010.

4. SMNG also advises the Commission that SMNG filed seven (7) substitute tariff sheets on December 9, 2010, to correct minor errors or sequencing problems identified by the Commission's Staff. As reflected in the cover letter, these substitute tariff 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 File No. JG-2011-0253. Again, service copies were provided to Staff and OPC and a copy of said filing is attached hereto as Appendix B.

5. Accordingly, Company respectfully submits that it has fully complied with Section 14 of the regulation as set forth in the Commission's Order.

WHEREFORE, SMNG respectfully prays that the Commission accept this pleading as being fully responsive to its Order, and that the Commission grant such other and further relief as may be appropriate in the circumstances.

Sincerely,

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### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

The undersigned certifies that a true and correct copy of the foregoing pleading was served on the General Counsel of the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission and the Office of the Public Counsel on this 17<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2010 by hand-delivery, fax, electronic or regular mail.

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