

In the matter of the Notification of )  
Southern Missouri Gas Company, L.P. ) Case No. GR-2010-0347  
request for a small company rate increase. )

COMES NOW the Staff (“Staff”) of the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Commission”) and Southern Missouri Gas Company, L.P., d/b/a Southern Missouri Natural Gas (SMNG), and state as follows:

1. On May 21, 2010, SMNG set forth its request for an increase of \$1,000,000 in its annual gas service operating revenues and initiated a small company revenue increase request pursuant to Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-3.050, Small Utility Rate Case Procedure ("Small Company Procedure").

- (11) No later than one hundred fifty (150) days after a case is opened, the staff shall file a disposition agreement between at least the staff and the utility providing for a full or partial resolution of the utility's revenue increase request. At any time prior to the filing of the disposition agreement, the assigned regulatory law judge may be called upon to meet with the participants and mediate discussions to assist them in reaching at least a partial agreement. If the disposition agreement filed by the staff provides for only partial resolution of the utility's request, it may contain provisions whereby the signatories request that the assigned regulatory law judge initiate an arbitration procedure regarding unresolved issues identified in the agreement.

- (12) The staff and the small utility may agree that the deadlines set out in sections (9), (10) and (11) be extended for up to two (2) months. If an extension is agreed upon, the staff shall file a written agreement regarding the extension and an updated timeline reflecting the extension in the case file.

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5. In that the Day 150 filing is the last item on the timeline not subject to a scenario, and Staff is hopeful that a resolution will be reached in less than the requested two days, Staff states that it will file an updated timeline in compliance with 4 CSR 240-3.050(12) as soon as is reasonably practicable.

WHEREFORE, Staff and SMNG provide their written agreement to extension of Small Company Procedure requirements.

Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand-delivered, transmitted by facsimile or electronically mailed to all counsel of record this 15<sup>th</sup> day of November 2010.

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