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Dale Hardy Roberts Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge Missouri Public Service Commission P.O. Box 3660 Jefferson City, Missouri 65102

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RE:

Southern Missouri Gas Company, L.P.

GR-2000-485

General Rate Increase

Dear Mr. Roberts:

Enclosed for filing on behalf of Southern Missouri Gas Company, L.P. are the original and three (3) copies of the revised tariff sheets as listed on Appendix 1, attached hereto.

The purpose of this filing is to implement a general rate increase for natural gas service provided by Southern Missouri Gas Company. The revised natural gas rates were designed to produce an additional \$390,000 in gross annual natural gas revenues (excluding gross receipts and sales taxes) or a 6.0% increase over existing revenues.

In addition, attached hereto as Appendix 2, are fifteen (15) copies of Southern Missouri Gas Company's Minimum Filing Requirements as required by Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-10.070.

The attached tariff sheets bear an issue date of today and are proposed to become effective for service rendered on and after March 9, 2000.

If you would, please bring this filing to the attention of the appropriate Commission personnel. Two (2) copies of the attached are being filed with the Office of Public Counsel.

Sincerely,

James M. Fischer

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# APPENDIX 1

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Rate - The mon	thly charge sha	all consist sole	y of a charge	for gas used a	s set forth	below:	
Reside	ential Service						
	Customer Char Commodity Cha			\$ \$		per month per Ccf	*
Minimum Month	nly Charge - No	one.					
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Southern Missouri Gas Comp Name of Issuing Corporat		For Receiving Natural Gas Service Community, Town or City	

## **GENERAL SERVICE (GS)**

Availability - This rate schedule is available for all firm gas service rendered by the Company, including space heating service.

Rate - The monthly charge shall consist of a customer charge plus a charge for gas used as set forth below:

# Residential Service

Customer Charge \$
Commodity Charge \$

10,00 per month

.357 per Ccf

## General Service

Customer Charge \$
Commodity Charge \$

15.00 per month

.357 per Ccf

Minimum Monthly Charge - The Customer Charge.

<u>Late Payment Charge</u> - Unless otherwise required by law or other regulation, 1.5% will be added to the outstanding balance of all bills not paid by the delinquent date stated on the bill. The late payment charge will not be applied to amounts being collected through a pre-arranged payment agreement with the Company that is kept up-to-date.

Billing of License, Occupation, Franchise or Other Similar Charges or Taxes - See Original Sheet No. 19.

<u>Purchased Gas Adjustment</u> - The rates and charges contained herein are subject to adjustments pursuant to the Purchased Gas Adjustment Clause ("PGA") contained on Sheet Nos. 20 through 27.

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## LARGE VOLUME SERVICE (LVS)

Availability - Service under this rate schedule is available for qualifying firm gas users. Service under this rate schedule is available to customers contracting for a minimum term of one year with an annual usage equal to, or greater than 50,000 Ccfs.

Rates - The monthly charge shall consist of a customer charge, and a commodity charge as set forth below:

Customer Charge - per month

300.00

Maximum Commodity Charge - for all Ccf's used per month -

per Ccf

.357

Minimum Commodity Charge - for all Cof's used per month - per Cof

\$ 0.01

Minimum Monthly Charge - The Customer Charge.

The Company may from time to time at its sole discretion reduce its maximum commodity charge for service by any amount down to the minimum commodity charge for customers who have alternative energy sources, which on an equivalent Btu basis, can be shown to be less than the sum of the Company's maximum rate and the cost of gas reflected in the Purchased Gas Adjustment "PGA" factor. Such reductions will only be permitted if, in the Company's sole discretion, they are necessary to retain or expand services to an existing customer, to reestablish service to a previous customer or to acquire new customers.

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#### TRANSPORTATION SERVICE

# **Availability**

Natural Gas Transportation Service is available under Transportation Contract with Company to firm customers having requirements in excess of 35,000 Ccfs in any one month of a twelve month period. Such transportation service is subject to interruption or curtailment as further explained in the Character of Service section below. Volumes transported pursuant to this tariff shall be included in the requirements provided for in Company's natural gas sales contract with the customer ("transporter").

# Net Monthly Bill

Industrial

Customer Charge per month (Exclusive of any consumption) \$ 300.00

All Gas Delivered to Transporter	Max	<u>timum</u>	Mi	<u>nimum</u>
Per Ccf:	-		<del></del>	
Transportation Charge	\$	0.357	\$	.01
Other Charges	S	0.000	\$	.00
Total Cost Per Ccf	\$	0.357	\$	.01

Billing shall also include any other charges incurred, and any transmission and distribution losses incurred by Company from other parties for the transportation of the gas to the transporter including, but not limited to, supplier transportation and gathering charges, overrun penalties, take or pay costs, balancing charges, and any governmental fees or taxes incurred by Company on behalf of the transporter.

In addition, any customers electing to transport natural gas under this rate schedule shall be responsible for payment of an allocated pro rata share, as specified in the Purchased Gas Adjustment Clause (Sheet Nos. 20-27), of any demand, reservation, take or pay, or gas inventory charge, or any similar charge levied by Company's supplier(s) that are a direct result of Company maintaining its

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# TRANSPORTATION SERVICE (cont.)

# Terms and Conditions

Service hereunder is subject to the Company's applicable rate schedule, and the contract thereunder. The term of service hereunder shall be the same as the remaining term of transporter's sales and transportation contract with Company, provided that the Company reserves the right to discontinue transportation service as set forth herein, and provided further that service shall terminate at such earlier date as transportation service ceases to be available from the interstate or intrastate pipeline company.

#### Conditions of Receipt and Delivery

- Transporter will provide for the delivery of volumes of natural gas to be transported to a mutually agreeable location on the Company's system which serves transporter's premises, and the Company shall deliver said volumes of gas to the outlet side of the Company's meters at transporter's premises. The Company agrees to deliver to transporter at the point of delivery a quantity of gas equal to the quantity received at the point of receipt, less fuel usage and/or unaccounted-for line losses as estimated by the Company for the most recent twelve month period ending August. Gas transported hereunder shall be delivered to Company in the State of Missouri and shall ultimately be consumed by transporter in the state of Missouri. Gas delivered hereunder shall not be resold by transporter.
- (2) The transporter and Company shall, by mutual agreement, establish the date of commencement of receipt and delivery of gas hereunder.
- (3) Any gas introduced into the system by a transporter, must have the same Btu value as that of the Company average.
- (4) <u>Balancing</u>. To the maximum extent possible, transporter shall maintain monthly balancing of transportation receipts and deliveries. Despite the best efforts of transporter to keep receipts and deliveries in balance, any imbalance, which does occur, however, shall be subject to the terms and conditions of this Section. During periods when the gas supply pipeline (Williams) requires daily balancing, the following Daily Imbalance Fee is in effect for transportation customers.

4	Amount of Imbalance	<u>Fee</u>	
Level 1	<2% or 10 Ccfs	\$0	Per Ccfs
Level 2	>2% to 6%	\$ <u>2.50</u>	Per Ccfs
Level 3	>6% to 10%	\$ <u>5.00</u>	Per Ccfs
Level 4	>10% to 15%	\$ <u>7.50</u>	Per Ccfs
Level 5	>15%	\$ <u>10.00</u>	Per Ccfs

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#### PURCHASED GAS ADJUSTMENT CLAUSE

#### (I) Calculation of the Purchased Gas Cost

The charges which the Company makes for gas shall be subject to increases or decreases in the cost of gas purchased and/or delivered by the Company's suppliers. For the purpose of the computations herein, the Purchased Gas Adjustment (PGA) computational volumes to be used in determining the cost of gas for each customer group shall be those set forth in Section V of this Clause.

In the event of increases or decreases in the Company's cost of purchased gas, charges for gas service contained in the Company's then effective Purchased Gas Cost Adjustment Statement on file with the Commission shall be increased or decreased. The new charges shall be calculated for all customers, including transportation customers where applicable, in accordance with the following formula:

(a) Purchased Gas Cost -

Where:

Purchased Gas Cost = the \$\text{Ccf}\$ charge included in the retail bills to customers to reflect the estimated cost of purchased gas charged by the Company's wholesale suppliers - rounded to the nearest \$0.0001.

P = The estimated total dollar cost of purchased gas including lost and unaccounted for and Company use gas (L&U).

The gas costs shall be calculated by summing the products of the most recent unit cost of purchased gas from each supplier and the estimated annual volumes to be purchased from said supplier. The total purchase volumes of all sources shall be restricted to the total purchase volume listed in Section V of this Clause.

Purchased gas costs used in the calculations of the estimated total dollar cost are those costs properly includable in the FERC uniform chart of account, designated as account numbers 800, 801, 802, 803, 804, 805 and 806.

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## PURCHASED GAS ADJUSTMENT CLAUSE (cont.)

The refund adjustment per Ccf shall be determined by dividing the appropriate refund amount, by the Ccf sales to such group during the first twelve of the previous fourteen calendar months preceding the date of receipt of the refund. The amount of the unit refund adjustment shall be computed to the nearest \$0.0001 per Ccf.

The length of the refund period shall generally be twelve months, except that each refund period may be lengthened or shortened by the Company, to avoid a total refund materially above or below the refundable amount.

After the refunding period is completed, the difference between the refunds received from the Company's suppliers and the amounts refunded to the customers shall be determined and the difference retained in the refund accounts until such time as a subsequent refund is received. The balance in said refund accounts (excluding any refund in progress) shall be added to any subsequent refund before computing a new refund adjustment.

In the event any refund received from the Company's suppliers is less than \$2,000 said refund shall be credited to the refund account. The credit balance in said account, exclusive of those amounts which have been included in the calculation of refunds then in progress, shall be accumulated to \$2,000 before commencing a subsequent refund as hereinabove provided.

The Company shall file refund factors in the same manner as all other Purchased Gas Adjustments.

(V) PGA Computational Volumes

Purchases (P) = 18,151,515 Ccf's

Sales Volumes (V) = 17,970,000 Ccfs

(VI) Take or Pay Recovery Factor

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) authorized fixed Take-or-Pay (TOP) costs shall be recovered from all classes of customers equally on a volumetric basis by the application of the TOP Cost Recovery Factor to all Ccfs billed for both natural gas sales and transportation volumes under rate schedules on file with the Missouri Public Service Commission.

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#### **GENERAL ITEMS**

Effective with the effective date of this tariff sheet, charges for reconnection of service as described in Rule No. 14, Page 53 of this tariff, shall be as follows:

- (1) Residential customer \$30.00 (\$75.00 if less than 12 months since last reconnection)
- (2) Commercial or industrial customer, the greater of:
  - (a) The applicable charge set out in (1) above; or
- (b) A charge that is equal to the actual labor and material costs that are incurred to complete the disconnection and the reconnection of service. Upon request, a breakdown of these estimated costs will be provided to the customer.
- (3) Residential, commercial or industrial customer whose service pipe was disconnected and/or whose meter was removed by reason of fraudulent use or tampering, the greater of:
  - (a) The applicable charge set out in (1) or (2) above; or
- (b) A charge that is equal to the actual labor and material costs that are incurred in the removal of the meter or disconnection of the service pipe and the reinstallation of the meter or service pipe.
- (4) Residential, commercial, or industrial customers who experience natural catastrophes as the result of flood, earthquake or tornado will be exempt from charges for disconnect/ reconnection of service described in (1) above. It is the responsibility of the customer to notify the company to ensure the exemption is applied.
- (5) If the service shall have been discontinued for any of the reasons set forth in these rules and regulations, the following conditions shall be complied with and a reconnection charge shall be paid before restoration of service:
  - (a) The violation of the rules and regulations must be corrected.
  - (b) Full payment or satisfactory arrangements for the payment of all bills for service at present or previous locations then due must be made.
  - (c) A satisfactory quarantee of payment of all future bills shall be furnished.
  - (d) Any dangerous condition must be corrected.
  - (e) All bills for service due, including estimated amounts due Company by reasons of fraudulent use or tampering, must be naid.

At all times, a reasonable effort shall be made to restore service upon the day restoration is requested, and in any event, restoration shall be made not later than the next working day following the day requested by the customer.

(6) When reconnection of service is requested by the same customer on the same premises within 12 months after service has been discontinued at the request of such customer, a reconnection charge shall be made.

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# **GENERAL ITEMS**

# SPECIAL METER READING CHARGE

Effective with the effective date of this tariff sheet, charges for a customer-requested special meter reading by appointment as described in Rule No. 30, Page 68, of this tariff shall be as follows:

Special Meter Reading Charge -

1) At customer request \$ 8.00

Due to non-access

\$ 8.00

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organizat	Customer. Any individuation supplied with gas service by		sociation, corporation, municipality, ngle specified location.	governmental agency or similar
	Gas Service. The availability	of gas at delivery char	acteristics, irrespective of whether a	ny gas is actually used.
"gas serv	Gas Main. The term "Me ice pipes."	in" shall mean a gas p	pe, owned, operated and maintained	d by the Company but does not include
	Gas Service Facilities. The fa	cilities joining the gas	main to the point of delivery. These	e facilities include:
	(a) Gas Service Pipe			
Ī	(b) Gas Meter	¢*		
	(c) Gas Regulator	•		
gas regul		, including valves and	fittings, joining the gas main to the	inlet of the gas meter, but exclusive of
			any required auxiliary devices instal	lled to measure the quantity of gas
delivered	to any individual customer at a	single point of delivery	<i>1</i> .	
pressure	Gas Regulator. The regulator of gas delivered to any individue		ired, together with any auxiliary dev	rices, installed to reduce or regulate the
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## (1) <u>Definitions (continued)</u>

<u>Point of Delivery</u>. The point at which the Company's piping extending from the outlet of the gas meter is joined to the piping forming part of the customer's installation. The point of delivery generally shall be located within three feet of the meter outlet.

<u>Customer's Installation</u>. All piping, fixtures, valves, appliances and apparatus of any kind or nature on the customer's side of the point of delivery, useful in connection with the customer's ability to take gas service.

<u>Customer Extension</u>. Any branch from, or continuation of, existing facilities to the point of delivery to the customer, including increases of capacity of any of the Company's facilities, or the changing of any facilities to meet customer's requirements, and including all mains, service pipe, pressure regulators and meters.

Load Factor. The ratio of the average requirement to the maximum requirements for the same time period.

#### (2) General

The Company shall furnish service under its Rate Schedules and these Rules and Regulations as authorized by Public Service Commission of the State of Missouri. Copies of these as filed are available at the offices of the Company.

These Rules and Regulations shall govern except as modified by special terms and conditions of the individual rates or written contracts.

Certain classes of customers may qualify for service under more than one rate schedule. The availability of rates and the conditions under which they are applicable are set forth in the rate schedules of the Company.

Unless otherwise specifically provided in any applicable rate or in a contract between the customer and the utility, the term of any agreement shall commence on the day the customers' installation is connected to the Company's service for the purpose of taking gas and shall continue thereafter until cancelled by either party.

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# RULES AND REGULATIONS (cont.)

## (3) Applications

An application for service will be required of each customer. Such application shall contain the information necessary to determine the type of service required by the customer, the conditions under which service will be rendered, and such credit information as the Company may require. The customer will elect which of the applicable rates is best suited to his requirements. Upon request, the Company will assist the customer in making such election. The Company does not guarantee that customer will be served under the most favorable rate at all times, and will not be held responsible to notify customers of the most advantageous rate. No refund will be made representing the difference in charge under different rates applicable to the same class of service. The Company may require that the application or contract for service be in writing.

#### (4) Rate Changes

The customer shall agree to notify the Company promptly in writing of any material changes in his installation or load condition. Upon such notification, the Company will assist in determining if a change in rate schedules is appropriate or required. Not more than one optional change in rate schedules will be made within any twelve-month period unless the customer experienced a substantial change in the equipment in which the gas is used.

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The C	Company may require a securi	ty deposit or other guarantee from	n residential customers as a	condition of new service due to
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<b>(b)</b>		uthorized manner interfered with		utility providing the same
service situated of	n or about or delivered to the	customer's premises within the I	ast five (5) years.	
ര	The customer is unable to	stablish credit rating under stand	lards contained in tariffs file	ed with and approved by the
Commission Pe	ending approval of such tariffs	, the customer shall be deemed t	o have established an accep	table credit rating if the customer
meets any of the	following criteria: owns or is	purchasing a home; is and has b	een regularly employed on	a full time basis for at least one
(1) year, has an	adequate regular source of inc	ome; or can provide adequate cr	edit references from a comm	nercial credit source.
(d)	The company roay require	a security deposit or other guara	ntee as a condition of contin	nued service due to any of the
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in dispute, or the	customer has a history of uni	ity service disconnections know	i to the Company.	
	(2) In a unauthorized a	nanner, the customer interfered	with or diverted the service	of the Company on or about or
delivered to the	customer's premises.	*		
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(7)	Metering for Billin	g and Pressure Factor C	Correction	
	(a) If the Compa	ny owns and installs m	ore than one metered supply, except for the conv	enience of Company, on the
	r premises, the rate fo customer.	r service furnished thro	ugh each metered supply shall be determined as i	f such service were rendered to a
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oas at el			gas used during a billing cycle, the Company sha heric pressure. This correction shall be made by	
shown o	n the meter to have be	en consumed during the	e billing cycle by a pressure factor. This pressure	
custome	r's bill and shall be de	termined by the formula	<b>å</b> :	
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(8)	Resale	•	,	
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another	The gas supplied to or others.	o a customer shall be fo	r the use of the customer only and shall not be re	metered or submetered for resale to
(9)	Billing Adjustmen	<u>is</u>		
	* * *		y will determine from all related and available in hall make billing adjustments for the estimated p	
<u> </u>	(1) <b>i</b> n	the event of an overch	arge, an adjustment shall be made for the entire p	eriod that the overcharge can be
			t to exceed sixty (60) consecutive monthly billing calculated from the date of discovery, inquiry or	
		hichever comes first.	calculates from the date of discovery, inquity of	nominal nontreasion of the Company,
1	(2) In	the event of an undersi	harge, an adjustment shall be made for the entire	neriod that the undercharge can be
	sł	nown to have existed no	t to exceed twelve (12) monthly billing periods of	r four (4) quarterly billing periods,
	cı	ilculated from the date	of discovery, inquiry or actual notification of the	Company, whichever was first.
	(3) N	o billing adjustment wi	Il be made where the full amount of the adjustme	nt is less than one dollar (\$1,00).
	(4) V	here, upon test, an erro	or in measurement is found to be within the limits	prescribed by Commission rules, no
	b	illing adjustment will be	made.	
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concerning the refusal of service which, at a minimum, shall include: the name and address of the person denied reconnection, the names of all Company personnel involved in any part of the determination that refusal of service was appropriate, the facts surrounding the reason for the refusal and any other relevant information.

- (j) The Commission shall recognize and permit recovery of reasonable operating expenses incurred by the Company because of this rule.
- (k) The Company may apply for a variance from this rule by filing an application for variance with the Commission pursuant to the Commission's Rules of Procedure.

#### (13) Meter Tests

Meters are the property of the Company and shall be tested at regular intervals.

The Company at any time, upon the written or verbal request of a customer, will test the meter of such customer, provided only one such test shall be made free of charge within a twelve-month period, and the customer shall pay the cost of any additional tests within this period unless meter is shown to be inaccurate in excess of 2%. The customer may, upon notification to the Company, be present at such tests. No part of a minimum charge will be refunded.

In the event of the stoppage or the failure of any meter to register, the customer shall be billed for such period not to begin prior to a point in time six months prior to the date customer was notified of a malfunction, on an estimated consumption based upon his use of gas in a similar period of like use.

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- (3) Failure to comply with the terms and conditions of a settlement agreement.
- Refusal to grant access to the Company at reasonable times to equipment installed upon the premises of the customer for purposes of inspection, meter reading, maintenance or replacement.
  - (5) Misrepresentation of identity for the purpose of obtaining service.
- Violation of any other rule of the Company on file with and approved by the Commission which adversely affects the safety of the customer or other persons, or the integrity of the Company's delivery service.
  - (7) Unauthorized interference, diversion or use of the Company's service.
  - (8) As provided by State or Federal law.
- Subject to the requirements of these rules, the Company may discontinue service to a residential customer between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on the date specified on the notice of discontinuance or within eleven (11) business days thereafter. Service shall not be discontinued on a day when utility personnel are not readily available to reconnect the customer's service or on a day immediately preceding such day.
- The Company shall not discontinue residential service pursuant to Section (a) of Rule 17 unless written notice by first class mail is sent to the customer at least ten (10) days prior to the date of the proposed discontinuance. If written notice is delivered to the customer, it shall be done in hand to the customer at least ninety-six (96) hours prior to discontinuance. Service of notice by

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The customer shall protect the portions of the customer extension installed within his premises and shall, unless otherwise authorized by the Company, permit no one but the Company's employees or its authorized agents to handle same. In the event of loss or damage to such property of the Company arising out of carelessness, negligence or misuse by the customer or his authorized agent the cost of making good such loss or repairing such damages shall be borne by the customer. Customer shall permit access to the Company's employees, or other authorized agents, for the purpose of inspecting, modifying, maintaining or operating the Company's facilities at all times, including access for the purpose of reading the meter(s) located on that property.

- Sizing of Customer Extension. The Company will install only certain standard sizes of mains, service pipes, meters and regulators in conjunction with the extension of its distribution facilities. The Company reserves the right, as economic or other conditions warrant, to change or modify its standards in this regard. Estimates of the cost of customer extensions will be based on the minimum size facilities which will adequately distribute the gas load to be served.
- Estimated Cost of Customer Extension. Upon receipt of application from a prospective customer, the Company will estimate the cost of installing the customer extension necessary to provide the requested service. This estimate will control the amount of deposit which may be required of the prospective customer.

The estimate will include all direct, indirect and overhead costs. Overhead construction costs include administrative and general salaries and expenses, charges for injuries and damages, pensions and other fringe benefits. Overheads transferred to construction are determined based on the percentage that construction payroll bears to total payroll and are distributed to construction work orders on a percentage allocation basis.

#### (23)**Extensions of Mains**

#### (a) General Terms

The Company will install distribution main extensions (pipe) in established public streets, roads and highways along the shortest practical route. Extensions into or across private property will be made at the Company's option, provided that the rightof-way agreement(s) and other conditions are appropriate.

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applicant will be made	and satisfactory service line inst in those cases where the applic	service lines (pipe) on the applicant's property alor tallation. Service lines installed across private pro- cant has secured and furnished the Company a satis	certy other than the property of the
(a) The		, regulators and accessories at no cost to measure t a portion of the service extending from the main di	
(b) For service line per meter	r residential or commercial applifrom right-of-way line to owner	licants, the Company will furnish, at its own experr's access point. Applicants requiring the installation charges up to \$6.60 per foot.	ise, an average of 125 feet of
	rvice lines placed for the industr on the economic feasibility of the	rial applicants (as defined by the tariff) will be inst ne extension.	alled and billed on an individual
(d) All	parts and portions of service li	ine and main distribution line extensions shall rema	in the property of the Company.
(25) <u>Main Distri</u>	ibution Line Extensions		
(a) W	hen at the request of residential	or commercial applicant(s), it is necessary to exten	nd a main distribution line, the

Company will furnish, at it's own expense, an average of 120 feet of main distribution pipe per service meter.

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the Company will refund any unrefunded deposits above the actual cost of the extension installation.

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For extensions in excess of the 120 feet per meter, the Company may, at its sole discretion, require an advance deposit

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from the applicant(s) an amount equal to \$12.50 per foot. The Company will refund with interest a prorated share of the extension deposit to the participating customer(s) for each additional customer connected to the extension within a five (5) year period. After five (5) years,

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- Where an applicant along the extension refuses to participate in the extension, and within three (3) years after completion of the extension, the applicant will be considered in redetermining the cost of the original extension. The applicant then will be required to make a deposit on the promted share of the extension as specified in (b) above.
- Customers with aid-to-construction deposits held by the Company and discontinuing service within the five (5) year period will not be eligible for deposit refunds.
- Distribution line extensions placed for industrial customers (as defined by the tariff) will be installed and billed on an individual case basis depending on the economic feasibility of the extension.
- Main Distribution Line Extensions to Undeveloped Subdivisions, (26)Trailer Parks and Industrial Parks
- Before the Company will consider extending a main distribution line to undeveloped areas, i.e., subdivisions, trailer parks, industrial parks, the developer(s) must present to the Company a subdivided plat specifying the size and number of building lots and all planned streets, roads, alleys and available easements. Furthermore, the Company will require the developer(s) to provide a copy of the property deed(s) and evidence that they meet all local and/or county zoning requirements. The Company reserves the right to develop a forecast and make a decision regarding construction of the main based on the feasibility of the project.
- The Company will install distribution main lines in planned streets, roads, alleys and rights-of-way along the shortest practical route provided that the applicable right-of-way agreement(s) and other conditions are satisfactory.
- For extensions of main distribution lines into undeveloped subdivisions and trailer parks, the Company may, at it s sole discretion, require an advance deposit from the developer(s) an amount equal to the estimated cost of constructing such facilities.

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#### (29)Free Conversion Rules and Regulations

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#### (a) Definitions

- Building Conversion The placement, connection and testing of interior pipe, fittings, and/or orifice(s) in an existing building from the point of connection to and into a customer unit where propane is used.
- Building Installation The placement, connection and testing of existing or new interior pipe and fittings in an existing building from the point of connection to and into a customer unit where propane is not used.
- Commercial Customer One who uses or will use natural gas in a business establishment for the primary purposes of space heating or cooling, water heating, the operation of appliances, and/or meets the tariff specifications.
- Construction Window A period of time beginning upon completion of a distribution line(s) and continuing for a period of twenty-four (24) months thereafter.
- Customer Unit An approved device or appliance designed to consume energy and produce heat according to the manufacturer's design and operating specifications. Approved units are listed in Sheet No. 67.
- Industrial Customer One who uses or will use natural gas in a business establishment for the primary purpose of producing and/or manufacturing a product and meets Large Volume Service (LVS) tariff specifications, including annual usage greater than 50,000 Ccfs (per Tariff Sheet No. 2).
- Point of Connection Generally described as the connection of inside pipe to the service line at a building entrance near the service meter.
- Residential Customer One who uses or will use natural gas for the primary purposes of space heating or cooling, water heating and/or other appliances in a dwelling place.
- (9) Upgrade (of Approved Customer Units) The installation of replacement parts other than those contained in a standard orifice conversion kit.

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<b>(b)</b>	Gener	al Terms			
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		the availability to stan	dard orifice conversion	tor residential, commercial a kits and/or to specific qualifically affects the safety of the	and industrial customers. Unit ications of the Company's personnel. unit.
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	(4)	Where feasible, the p	point of connection (bu	ilding entrance) will be locat	ed near the service meter.
	(5)			ion to the service meter, cust	tomers are billed for gas usage according
to the rates and r	egulation	ns specified in the tariff	•		
(c)	Charg	<u>tes</u>			
	ά	Installations and unit	t conversions (including	pipe, fittings, standard orifi	ce kits and labor) requested by the
customer outside	\-,-,-			ges specified on Sheet No. 6	
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#### · SUMMARY OF INSTALLATION AND CONVERSION CHARGES

#### Residential

Inside Pipe & Fittings - Installed

+ Testing (as required) maximum per customer\*

No Charge to \$200.00 total

Conversion Kits - Installed + Customer Unit Installations or Upgrades (as required)

No Charge to \$200.00 total maximum per customer\*

\* Costs above \$200.00 per customer, if expended by the Company at its sole election, are payable in pro rata monthly payments over 24 months.

#### Commercial and Industrial

Inside Pipe and Fittings - Installed

Cost or "As Quoted"

Conversion Kits - Installed

Cost or "As Quoted"

Testing (as required) No Charge

#### Labor Rates

Technician, vehicle, tools & equipment Technician only \$

30.00 per hour 20.00 per hour

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(33)	Emergency Cu	ırtailment Plan			
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(33.1)	Relief from Li	ability			
customer prescribed	, resulting from or or group of custon	arising out of the Compa ners to the extent that suc	ny's failure to deliv h failure results fro	ver all or any portion of the volumentation of the E	of whatever kind, contractual or lumes of gas desired by any particular Emergency Curtailment Plan herein ited to, all regulatory agencies having
(33.2)	Precedence	•			
and Regui		that this rule, or any provi is, this rule shall take prec		affict with any other provision(	s) of the Company's filed tariff, Rules
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Typically, the Company will adjust the average billing during the fourth and eighth months of each twelve month period under the Plan, if the recalculated average payment amount reflects an increase of \$5.00 or more. Settlement of accounts will occur when participation in the Plan is terminated. No interest shall be due from or payable to the customer on the difference between actual and average usage.

#### (37) **Promotional Practices**

In compliance with rules prescribed by 4 CSR 240-14.010(1), a schedule is herein set forth prescribing all promotional practices being engaged in by the utility as of the effective date which are not in violation of 4 CSR 240-14.

#### Conversion Policy

A variance to 4 CSR 240-14.020(5) was granted by the Missouri Public Service Commission in Case No. GR-94-127. This promotional practice is being provided on a uniform basis to all classes of customers as described in the terms and conditions contained in Section 29 - Free Conversion Rules and Regulations of Southern Missouri's Natural Gas Tariff Number 1.

The purpose of this promotional practice is to encourage the connection of more customers, some of whom may not be able to afford the conversion, and should result in safer, more cost-saving construction and lower rates to all customers. This promotional practice is provided by Southern Missouri Gas Company pursuant to its Tariff Sheets No 63-67.

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# SOUTHERN MISSOURI GAS COMPANY'S MINIMUM FILING REQUIREMENTS

# GENERAL INFORMATION CONCERNING RATE CASE FILING

- A. The total amount of increase is projected to be \$390,000, which is an increase of existing revenues of 6%.
- B. The communities served by Southern Missouri are Rogersville, Fordland, Diggins, Seymour, Marshfield, Ava, Mansfield, Norwood, Mountain Grove, Cabool, Willow Springs, and West Plains located in the counties of Greene, Webster, Wright, Douglas, Texas and Howell counties.
- C. Southern Missouri, at the end of 1999, had the following customers by classification:

Classification	<u>Customers</u>
Residential -	3426
Residential- Optional Rate	3004
Commercial	650
Large Volume	17
Transportation	1

- D. The average annual impact for customers would be \$35 for Residential "RS", \$70 for Residential-Optional Rate "OGS", and \$110 for Commercial "GS". Most of the Large Volume customers "LVS" are on a flex rate and this increase would have no impact.
- E. The annual increase in revenue by rate classification is as follows:

Residential	RS	\$ 96,000
Residential	OGS	\$ 228,500
Commercial	GS	\$ 63,000
Large Volume	LVS	\$ 0
Total		\$ 387,500

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G. The reason for the rate increase is that Southern Missouri Gas Company, L.P. is a new company and rates were based on estimates prior to construction. A review of the data indicates that Southern Missouri Gas Company, L.P. that there is a revenue deficiency.

Contact: Tom M. Taylor

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: February 8, 2000

Southern Missouri Gas Company, L.P. ("SMGC") today filed a request with the Missouri Public Service Commission for a general rate increase to take effect later this year.

The request by SMGC is not anticipated to result in higher rate levels during the current heating season because the Public Service Commission generally suspends the implementation of general rate increases until the Company's filing has been thoroughly audited and reviewed. This review may take as long as 11 months.

SMGC's request is for a rate adjustment that would increase its annual revenues by \$390,000. The proposed new rates would increase a typical residential heating customer's bill by 6%, for an average increase ranging from \$2.93 to \$5.83 per month.

A rate filing was required at this time by the Missouri Public Service Commission since the original rates used by SMGC were based on estimated costs of construction for the new system. SGMC serves customers in twelve communities in south central Missouri.