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RE: Case No. GR-2000-485

Dear Mr. Roberts:

Enclosed for filing in the above-captioned case are an original and eight (8) conformed copies of a **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**.

This filing has been mailed or hand-delivered this date to all counsel of record.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely yours,

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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Missouri Public  
Service Commission

In the Matter of Southern Missouri Gas )  
Company, L.P. for Authority to File )  
Tariffs Increasing Rates for Gas Service )  
Provided to Customers in the Company's )  
Missouri Service Area. )

Case No. Case No. GR-2000-485

STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION

COMES NOW the Staff ("Staff") of the Public Service Commission of Missouri  
("Commission") and for its recommendation in the above-captioned matter states as follows:

1. On November 16, 2000, the Commission issued its Order Approving Stipulation and  
Agreement ("Order") in this case.

2. Southern Missouri Gas Company, L.P. ("SMGC") filed compliance tariffs on  
November 17, 2000, and filed substitute tariff sheets for two sheets on November 28, 2000.

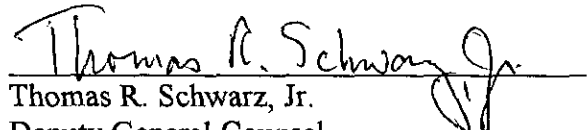
3. Staff has reviewed the tariff sheets, and the substitute tariff sheets, and finds them in  
compliance with the Commission's Order. Staff's Memorandum is attached as Appendix A,  
hereto.

4. Staff is of the opinion that good cause has been shown pursuant to §393.190.11 to  
permit the proposed tariff sheets to take effect on fewer than thirty days notice.

WHEREFORE, Staff recommends that the Commission approve the compliance tariff  
sheets filed by SMGC, to become effective December 1, 2000.

Respectfully submitted,

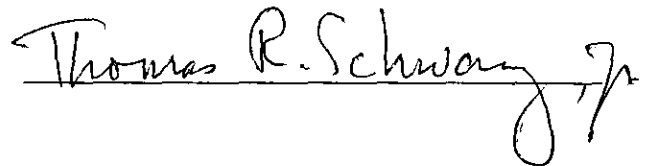
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I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed or hand-delivered to all counsel of record as shown on the attached service list this 28th day of November, 2000.



MEMORANDUM

TO: Missouri Public Service Commission Official Case File,  
Case No. GR-2000-485, File No. 200100569, Southern Missouri Gas  
Company, L.P.

FROM: <sup>DB</sup> Daniel Beck, Gas Department - Tariffs/Rate Design

Wesley Headlee 11-28-00 Thomas R. Schwab Jr. 11/28/00  
Utility Operations Division/Date General Counsel's Office/Date

SUBJECT: Staff Recommendation On Southern Missouri Gas Company, L.P.'s Tariff  
Sheets Filed to Comply with the Commission's Order Approving  
Stipulation and Agreement

DATE: November 28, 2000

On November 16, 2000, the Commission issued its Order Approving Stipulation and Agreement (Order) in Case No. GR-2000-485. This Order approved an increase of \$390,000 in Southern Missouri Gas Company, L.P.'s (SMGC or Company) revenues.

SMGC filed tariff sheets on November 17, 2000 to comply with the Order. On November 28, 2000, SMGC filed substitute tariff sheets for two of the sheets to correct the revision numbers. These tariffs are identical to the specimen tariffs that were attached to the Stipulation and Agreement in every way except for the issue dates, the effective dates, and the revision numbers.

In its letter of transmittal accompanying the November 17, 2000 compliance filing, SMGC requested an effective date of December 1, 2000, which would be less than the standard 30 day period and would allow SMGC to avoid prorating bills. SMGC bills all of its customers in a single billing cycle that coincides with the beginning of each month. SMGC also filed its Motion for Expedited Treatment of Tariffs which further explaining its reasoning for requesting the expedited treatment.

The Commission's Gas Department - Tariffs/Rate Design Staff (Staff) has reviewed the tariff sheets as filed by SMGC on November 17, 2000, as substituted, and is of the opinion that these sheets are in compliance with the Commission's Order. Staff is of the opinion that good cause for approval of these tariff sheets on less than thirty days notice is demonstrated and therefore recommends that the Company's request for an effective date of December 1, 2000 be granted. Therefore, Staff recommends the Commission approve the following tariff sheets, as substituted, to become effective on December 1, 2000:

P.S.C. MO. No. 1

1st revised Sheet No. 1 Cancelling original revised Sheet No. 1  
1st revised Sheet No. 1.1 Cancelling original revised Sheet No. 1.1  
Original Sheet No. 1.2  
1st revised Sheet No. 2 Cancelling original revised Sheet No. 2  
1st revised Sheet No. 6 Cancelling original revised Sheet No. 6  
1st revised Sheet No. 9 Cancelling original revised Sheet No. 9  
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2nd revised Sheet No. 71 Cancelling 1st revised Sheet No. 71

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