

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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Missouri Public
Service Commission

In the matter of the Application of DTE Enterprises,))
Inc. and DTE Ozark, Inc. for authority to purchase))
an additional 5% partnership interest in) Case No.
Southern Missouri Gas Company, L.P. from))
Tartan Management Company of Missouri, L.C.))

MOTION FOR PROTECTIVE ORDER

COMES NOW DTE Enterprises, Inc., successor by merger to MCN Energy Group, Inc, ("DTE") and DTE Ozark, Inc. ("DTE Ozark")(collectively referred to as "Joint Applicants") by and through their counsel, and pursuant to 4 CSR 240-2.085, files their Motion For Protective Order. In support thereof, the Joint Applicants state as follows:

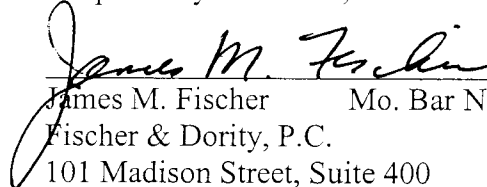
1. On March 10, 2003, the Joint Applicants filed their Application in this matter which contained an Appendix 2 that contained an Agreement For Purchase of Partnership Interests that contains Proprietary information, including the purchase price of the partnership interests. In accordance with 4 CSR 240-2.085, and in order to facilitate the exchange of highly confidential and proprietary information and the preparation of a Staff Recommendation in this matter, the Joint Applicants hereby request the Commission issue a protective order in this proceeding. None of the information for which a claim of confidentiality is made can be found in any format in any other public document. The Joint Applicants request the Commission to issue its standard protective order, in the same form as has been customary in previous cases.

2. The Joint Applicants note that the Commission has issued this standard protective order in numerous other dockets where it has recognized a genuine need to protect confidential information from disclosure. The issuance of protective orders in prior proceedings has helped

to minimize disputes, and has provided a sound method for parties to submit confidential information.

WHEREFORE, for the reasons set forth herein, the Joint Applicants respectfully requests the Commission to issue a protective order in this proceeding, in the same form as has been customary in previous cases.

Respectfully submitted,


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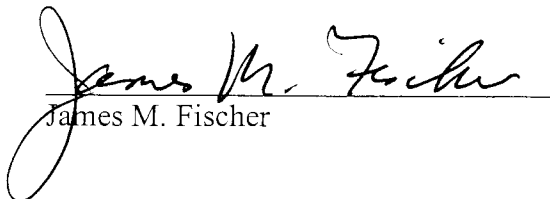
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing document has been hand-delivered, emailed or mailed, postage prepaid, by U.S. Mail, First Class, this 10th day of March, 2003, to:

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