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**RE: Case No. GR-2001-39/GR-2001-388**

Dear Mr. Roberts:

Enclosed for filing in the above-captioned case are an original and eight (8) conformed copies of a **JOINT PROPOSED PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE AND MOTION TO CONSOLIDATE**.

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

In the matter of Southern Missouri Gas )  
Company, L.P.'s Purchased Gas )  
Adjustment factors to be reviewed in its )  
1999-2000 Actual Cost Adjustment. )

Case No. GR-2001-39

In the matter of Southern Missouri Gas )  
Company, L.P.'s Purchased Gas )  
Adjustment factors to be reviewed in its )  
2000-2001 Actual Cost Adjustment. )

Case No. GR-2001-388

**JOINT PROPOSED PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE AND MOTION TO  
CONSOLIDATE**

**COMES NOW** Southern Missouri Gas Company, L.P.'s ("Company"), Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Staff") and the Office of the Public Counsel ("Counsel") and pursuant to the Commission's March 1, 2001 Order Setting Prehearing Conference and Requiring Filing of Procedural Schedule in the above-captioned matters, submit the following proposed procedural schedule to address the Company's purchased gas adjustment factors to be Audited in its 1999-2000 and 2000-2001 Actual Cost Adjustment. In support thereof, the parties state as follows:

1. On February 27, 2001, in Case No. GR-2001-388, the Commission filed its Order Setting Prehearing Conference and Requiring Filing of Procedural Schedule directing the parties to file, no later than March 22, 2001, a proposed procedural schedule to address the Company's Purchased Gas Adjustment Factors to be Audited in its 2000-2001 Actual Cost Adjustment.

2. Pursuant to the Commission's directive, the parties filed a Proposed Procedural Schedule on April 3, 2001.

3. The Procedural Schedule was approved by Commission Order on April 6, 2001.

4. There is not currently a comprehensive procedural schedule pending in GR-2001-39.

5. Commission Rule 4 C.S.R. 240-2.110(3) provides:

When pending actions involve related questions of law or fact, the commission may order a joint hearing of any or all matters at issue, and may make other orders concerning cases before it to avoid unnecessary costs or delay.

6. Case Nos. GR-2001-39 and GR-2001-388 involve common questions of law and fact in that both cases involve Southern Missouri Gas' Purchased Gas Adjustment Factors to be Audited in Actual Cost Adjustments. Case No. GR-2001-39 involves the Company's Purchased Gas Adjustment Factors to be Audited in its 1999-2000 Actual Cost Adjustment. Case No. GR-2001-388 involves the Company's Purchased Gas Adjustment Factors to be Audited in its 2000-2001 Actual Cost Adjustment.

7. The undersigned parties submit that a consolidation of GR-2001-39 and GR-2001-388 into one case with a joint proposed procedural schedule would be beneficial and would dispose of any contested issues raised in both GR-2001-39 and GR-2001-388.

The undersigned parties proposed that these two cases should be consolidated and that the following procedural schedule be established:

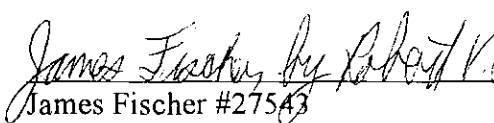
July 2, 2001	Staff Recommendation (GR200139)
August 1, 2001	Company Response (GR200139)

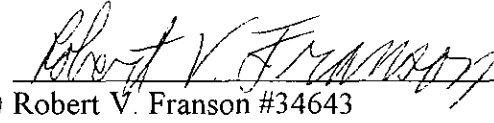
November 1, 2001	Company makes its 2000-2001 ACA books and work papers available to Staff for audit.
November 15, 2001	SMG responds to Staff's standard DRs (forty-nine in number)(GR2001388)
July 15, 2002	Staff Recommendation (GR2001388)
August 14, 2002	Company Response (GR2001388)
September 17, 2002	Direct Testimony (Both Cases-All parties)
October 16, 2002	Rebuttal Testimony (Both cases-All Parties)
October 23, 2002	Issues list to be filed
October 30, 2002	Position Statement
November 13, 2002	Surrebuttal (Both cases-All Parties)
November 18, 2002	Hearing

8. This schedule will dispose of any contested issues raised in GR-2001-39 and GR-2001-388.

WHEREFORE, the undersigned parties respectfully request that the Commission issue an order consolidating these two cases and adopting the proposed procedural schedule set forth herein.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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**Certificate of Service**

I hereby certify that the foregoing Proposed Procedural Schedule has been duly served upon all parties of record to this proceeding, on this 11<sup>th</sup> day of April 2001.

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**Service List for**  
**Case No. GR-2001-39/GR-2001-388**  
**April 11, 2001**

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