BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application of Southern Missouri) Gas Company, L.P. d/b/a Southern Missouri Natural Gas) for a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity) Authorizing it to Construct, Install, Own, Operate, Control,) Manage and Maintain a Natural Gas Distribution System) to Provide Gas Service in Laclede County, Missouri) as an Expansion of its Existing Service Area)

ORDER DIRECTING FILING

Issue Date: November 30, 2009

Effective Date: November 30, 2009

The Missouri Public Service Commission is ordering Southern Missouri Gas

Company, L.P. d/b/a Southern Missouri Natural Gas ("applicant") to file a response to

the recommendation of the Commission's staff ("Staff"). Staff filed the recommendation

on November 23, 2009, supporting the application:

. . . with the understanding that the failure of the proposed extension will not affect the Company's rates.

Therefore, the Commission will order the applicant to file a response to the recommendation.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. Southern Missouri Gas Company, L.P. d/b/a Southern Missouri Natural Gas shall file a response to the recommendation of the Commission's Staff.

2. The response described in ordered paragraph 1 is due no later than December 8, 2009,

3. This order shall become effective immediately upon issuance.

BY THE COMMISSION

(SEAL)

Steven C. Reed Secretary

Daniel Jordan, Regulatory Law Judge, by delegation of authority pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri, on this 30th day of November 2009.