

**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 public convenience and)
necessity authorizing it to construct,)
install, own, operate, control, manage and)
maintain a natural gas distribution system)
to provide gas service in Lebanon,)
Missouri.)

Case No. GA-2007-0212

STAFF NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF COMPANY RESPONSE

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission and for its Notice of Receipt of Company Response states:

1. On December 6, 2006, Southern Missouri Gas Company, LP (dba) Southern Missouri Natural Gas, filed its Application for Commission authority to construct, install, own, operate, control, manage and maintain a natural gas distribution system to provide gas service in Lebanon, Missouri.

2. On December 21, the Commission issued its order directing Staff to file a recommendation or a status report on January 22.

3. On February 15, 2007, Applicants filed a Motion to Consolidate this case with Case No. GF-2007-0215 and GA-2007-0310.

4. Staff provided the Company a draft of its proposed Staff Recommendation on May 22.

5. On Thursday May 24, the Company responded to Staff by email and proposed additional discussions.

6. Within two weeks, or by or on June 7, Staff will file its final recommendation, a stipulation and agreement, or a statement that there is an agreement in principle.

WHEREFORE Staff Notifies the Commission of its receipt of the Company's Response to Staff's Proposed Recommendation and that Staff will file one of the pleadings noted above by or on June 7.

Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand-delivered, transmitted by facsimile or electronically mailed to all counsel of record this 25th day of May 2007

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