BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application of)	
Southern Missouri Gas Company, L.P.)	File No. GR-2010-0347
Request for a Small Company Rate Increase)	

ORDER DIRECTING FILING

Issue Date: December 23, 2010 Effective Date: December 23, 2010

The Missouri Public Service Commission is ordering Southern Missouri Gas Company, L.P. ("the utility") to file a pleading in response to the *Office of Public Counsel's Response in Opposition to Agreement and Request for Evidentiary Hearing* ("motion"). As to any allegation in the motion relating to an acquisition premium the utility's response shall admit, deny, or state that the utility has insufficient information to admit or deny such allegation. The Commission's earlier order¹ directed the filing of "responses." But its ordered paragraphs directed that order only at Staff. Therefore, the Commission will extend the time for the utility's response from the time set by regulation.²

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. No later than December 28, 2010, Southern Missouri Gas Company, L.P. shall file a response to the Office of Public Counsel's Response in Opposition to Agreement and Request for Evidentiary Hearing as described in the body of this order.

¹ Dated December 16, 2010

² 4 CSR 240-2.080(15).

2. 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 23rd day of December, 2010