

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

In the Matter of the Application of	)	
Southern Missouri Gas Company, L.P.	)	<b>Case No. GR-2010-0347</b>
Request for a Small Company Rate	)	<b>Tariff File No. JG-2011-0253</b>
Increase.	)	

**JOINT MOTION TO SUSPEND PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE**

COME NOW Southern Missouri Gas Company, L.P. d/b/a Southern Missouri Natural Gas (“SMNG” or “Company”) and the Staff (“Staff”) of the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Commission”), pursuant to Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.080, and for their Joint Motion To Suspend Procedural Schedule respectfully state as follows:

1. On December 29, 2010, the Commission issued its *Scheduling Order and Notice of Evidentiary Hearing* (“Scheduling Order”) in this matter. Also, on January 5, 2011, the Commission issued its *Order Directing Filing of Reply*, wherein the Office of the Public Counsel (“Public Counsel”) was ordered to file a reply, as described in the body of that order, no later than January 12, 2011.

2. Following continued discussions among SMNG, Staff and the Public Counsel (collectively the “Parties”), the Parties have reached an agreement in principle resolving the issues in this matter. Accordingly, SMNG and Staff respectfully request that the existing procedural schedule, as set forth in the Scheduling Order, as well as the above-referenced ordered filing of the Public Counsel’s responsive pleading due this date, be suspended.

3. SMNG and Staff are authorized to state that Public Counsel supports the relief requested herein.

WHEREFORE, SMNG and Staff respectfully request that the Commission suspend the existing procedural schedule and the ordered filing of the Public Counsel's responsive pleading due this date.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Larry W. Dority

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

The undersigned certifies that a true and correct copy of the foregoing pleading was served on the General Counsel of the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission and the Office of the Public Counsel on this 12<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2011 by hand-delivery, fax, electronic or regular mail.

/s/ Larry W. Dority \_\_\_\_\_  
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