

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

In the matter of the Application of Alliance)	
Gas Energy Corporation for a certificate)	
of public convenience and necessity)	
authorizing it to construct, install, own, operate,)	Case No. GA-2007-0168
control, manage and maintain a natural gas)	
distribution system to provide gas service in)	
Branson, Branson West, Reed's Spring)	
and Hollister, Missouri.)	

Motion for Substitution of Party

COMES NOW Southern Missouri Gas Company, L.P. d/b/a Southern Missouri Natural Gas ("SMNG"), and pursuant to Civil Rule 52.13(c) and 4 CSR 240-2.080, moves the Commission to substitute SMNG in this proceeding for Alliance Gas Energy Corporation whose interest in this action, as the Applicant, has been transferred to SMNG. In support of this Motion, SMNG states as follows:

1. Southern Missouri Gas Company, L.P. d/b/a Southern Missouri Natural Gas, a Missouri limited partnership, ("SMNG") owns and operates a natural gas transmission and distribution system located in southern Missouri which serves approximately 7,500 residential, commercial and industrial customers. SMGC is a "gas corporation" and "public utility" under the jurisdiction of the Missouri Public Service Commission, pursuant to Chapters 386 and 393, RSMo. 2000. The Company's street and mailing address is: 301 E. 17th Street, Mountain Grove, Missouri 65711. The Company's telephone number is: (417) 926-7533.

2. All correspondence, pleadings, orders, and documents in this proceeding should be addressed to:

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3. A copy of SMNG's Certificate To Transact Business In Missouri from the Missouri Secretary of State was filed in Case No. GA-2007-0212 and is incorporated herein by reference.

4. On June 29, 2007, SMNG and Alliance Gas Energy Corporation ("AGE") entered into an Asset Purchase Agreement (attached as Exhibit No. 1 HC) under which SMNG acquired the assets of AGE, including the assignment of the Branson and Hollister, Missouri Franchises, needed to provide natural gas service in the Branson and Hollister, Missouri area. As a result, AGE's interest in this proceeding has been effectively transferred to SMNG.

5. As explained in the original Application filed by AGE on October 26, 2006, AGE obtained a franchise from the City of Branson, Missouri to provide natural gas service to customers in Branson, Missouri. This franchise is in the process of being assigned to SMNG, pursuant to the Asset Purchase Agreement dated June 29, 2007. SMNG anticipates that the City Council of Branson, Missouri will consider an ordinance that will approve the assignment of the

Branson Franchise to SMNG in the very near future.

6. SMNG seeks the right to be substituted as the Applicant in the proceeding so that it may expeditiously complete the necessary filings in this case to obtain a certificate of convenience and necessity to serve Branson, Missouri, as originally requested by AGE. SMNG intends to provide the Commission in the near future with the information needed to complete the Application filed by AGE. SMNG's supplemental filing will include, inter alia, the economic feasibility study, the maps of the proposed service area, metes and bounds description, and other information that was to be late-filed by the Applicant.

7. Alliance Gas Energy Corporation supports the granting of this motion.

WHEREFORE, SMNG respectfully requests an order from the Commission substituting SMNG for AGE as the Applicant in this proceeding.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand-delivered, or transmitted by facsimile or electronic mail to all counsel of record this 29th day of June 2007.

/s/ James M. Fischer

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Exhibit No. 1 HC

Asset Purchase Agreement
By And Between Southern Missouri Gas Company, L.P. d/b/a Southern Missouri Natural Gas
And Alliance Energy Gas Corporation Dated As Of June 29, 2007

(This exhibits contains Highly Confidential information
and is being filed under seal, pursuant to 4 CSR 240-2.085)