

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
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  
et al.

**POSITION STATEMENTS OF  
THE EXPERT WITNESSES  
OF SOUTHERN MISSOURI NATURAL GAS**

Pursuant to 4 CSR 240-2.080 and the order issued by the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission") on July 10, 2007 in the above-captioned proceeding, Southern Missouri Gas Company, L.P. d/b/a Southern Missouri Natural Gas ("SMNG") hereby provides the Position Statements of the following expert witnesses who will be presented or otherwise available to answer questions in the following order at the hearing on July 27, 2007:

1. Randal T. Maffett

Mr. Maffett will provide an overview of the Company's application in this proceeding. He will demonstrate that SMNG's application is reasonable and in the public interest. In particular, Mr. Maffett will testify that SMNG is financially and technically capable of providing the proposed service in Lebanon, Houston and Licking. He will also demonstrate that proposed expansion of the Company's service area is economically feasible and is in the public interest. He will also demonstrate that the provision of natural gas in the proposed service area would provide consumers with a new energy source that is a desirable and economic option.

2. Joe Knapp, City Administrator for the City of Lebanon, and Bud Allen, Mayor of the City of Lebanon, will be available to address any questions regarding the granting of the municipal franchise by the City of Lebanon, Missouri to SMNG, and the needs of the citizens and businesses in Lebanon for the provision of natural gas service. They will demonstrate that the provision of natural gas in the City of Lebanon will promote economic development, and generally be in the public interest.
3. Matthew Gimble will be available to answer questions regarding the economic feasibility studies prepared to support the Applications. Based upon his analysis contained in the economic feasibility studies, Mr. Gimble will demonstrate that the proposed expansion of the Company's service area is economically feasible.
4. Michael Lewis will be available to address any engineering issues related to the proposed construction of a distribution system in Lebanon, Houston and Licking. Mr. Lewis will demonstrate that SMNG has the technical capability to complete the construction of the trunkline and distribution system as proposed in the Applications.
5. Michael Lumby, General Manager of SMNG, will be available to address any operational and ratemaking issues related to the proposed expansion of SMNG's service to include Lebanon, Houston and Licking. He will demonstrate that SMNG is operationally capable of providing natural gas service in Lebanon, Houston and Licking.

**WHEREFORE**, SMNG respectfully provides its Position Statements of the Expert Witnesses in response to the Commission's July 10, 2007 Order in the above-captioned matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I do hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Position Statement was served to all counsel of record in the above-referenced cases via electronic filing and electronic mail (e-mail) on this 24<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2007.

/s/ James M. Fischer

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