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May 21, 2010

Mr. Steve Reed  
Secretary  
Missouri Public Service Commission  
P.O. Box 360  
Jefferson City, MO 65102-0360

Re: Small Company Rate Case—Southern Missouri Gas Company, L.P. d/b/a Southern Missouri Natural Gas

Dear Mr. Reed:

In accordance with 4 CSR 240-3.050, Southern Missouri Gas Company, L.P. d/b/a Southern Missouri Natural Gas, ("SMNG" or "Company") requests authority to increase its rates for natural gas service provided to approximately 8,000 customers in the Company's service area. SMNG seeks authority to implement rates that will produce \$ 1,000,000.00 in additional annual revenues from its natural gas operations.

A notice advising customers of the requested increase in rates, including estimates of how the proposed increases will affect a typical customer's bills, will be sent to its customers within thirty (30) days of the opening of this case.

SMNG has received a modest increase in rates in 2000. However, costs have continued to increase since that time. SMNG seeks this rate increase to recover increasing costs of providing natural gas service to its customers.

SMNG has fully paid all annual assessments due to the Missouri Public Service Commission and a copy of the Company's 2009 annual report is on file.

Very truly yours,

David Moody  
Chief Executive  
Officer

Cc: Office of Public Counsel  
James M. Fischer, Attorney  
Tom Imhoff, PSC Staff  
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