

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

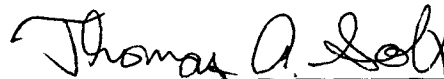
In the Matter of the Application of )  
Southern Missouri Gas Company, L.P. )  
d/b/a Southern Missouri Natural Gas for a )  
Certificate of Public Convenience and )  
Necessity Authorizing it to Construct, )  
Install, Own, Operate, Control, Manage )  
and Maintain a Natural Gas Distribution )  
System to Provide Gas Service in Lebanon, )  
Missouri. )

Case No.      GA-2007-0212  
                    JG-2008-0726

**AFFIDAVIT OF    THOMAS A. SOLT**

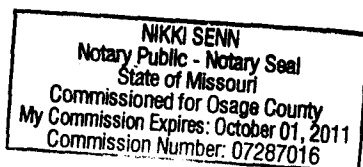
STATE OF MISSOURI            )  
  ) ss:  
COUNTY OF COLE            )

Thomas A. Solt, employee of the Missouri Public Service Commission, being of lawful age and after being duly sworn, states that he has participated in preparing the accompanying Staff Memorandum, and that the facts therein are true and correct to the best of his knowledge and belief.



THOMAS A. SOLT

Subscribed and affirmed before me this 18<sup>th</sup> day of JUNE 2008 .





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## **MEMORANDUM**

TO: Missouri Public Service Commission Official Case File,  
Case No. GA-2007-0212, File No. JG-2008-0726,  
Southern Missouri Natural Gas Company, L.P.

FROM: Tom Solt, Energy Department - Tariffs/Rate Design

/s/ Thomas M. Imhoff 6/18/08  
Energy Department/Date

/s/ Lera L. Shemwell 6/18/08  
General Counsel's Office/Date

SUBJECT: Staff Recommendation on Southern Missouri Gas Company, L.P.'s Tariff changes to  
Incorporate the Cities of Lebanon, Houston, and Licking as Granted by the Commission in  
its CCN

DATE: June 18, 2008

On December 6, 2006, Southern Missouri Gas Company, L.P. (SMNG or Company) d/b/a Southern Missouri Natural Gas Company of Mountain Grove, Missouri, filed an Application (Application) for a certificate of convenience and necessity (CCN) to provide natural gas service to the city of Lebanon, Missouri. On January 1, 2007, the Missouri Propane Gas Association (MPGA) filed an application to intervene. On February 15, 2007, the Company filed an application for a CCN to serve Houston, Licking, Lebanon, and Mountain View, Missouri. On June 13, 2007, the Staff of the Commission's Energy Department (Staff) filed its recommendation in the case, and the Company filed its Response to the Staff's recommendation. In that response, the SMNG withdrew its request to serve Mountain View. On June 29, 2007, the MPGA filed a Request for Hearing. On July 9, 2007, the parties to the case filed a Proposed Procedural schedule, which the Commission adopted on July 10.

On July 27, 2007, the Commission held a hearing in this matter. On August 13, 2007, the parties filed their initial briefs. SMNG also filed its proposed order granting applications and granting a certificate of convenience and necessity, and the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff) filed its Proposed Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law.

On August 16, 2007, the Commission issued its Order in the case, granting SMNG a CCN to serve the areas of Houston, Licking, and Lebanon. On June 5, 2008, the Company filed proposed tariff sheets that, if approved, would update its tariff to reflect the CCN granted in this case. On June 16, 2008, the Company submitted substitute sheets correcting a page numbering problem and some redundant information. On June 16, 2008, the Company again submitted a substitute sheet to correct a map error.

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The proposed tariff sheets change the map and metes and bounds description of SMNG's service territory to include the areas granted by the Commission's August 16 Order granting the CCN. Staff has reviewed the proposed tariff sheets, as substituted, recommends the Commission approve them. Staff has verified that the Company has filed its annual report and is not delinquent on any assessment. Staff has reviewed this filing and is not aware of any issue currently pending before the Commission that affects or is affected by this filing other than SMNG's financing case, Case No. GF-2007-0215.

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