

**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,)	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.)	

**Response of Southern Missouri Natural Gas
To Order Directing Filing**

COMES NOW Southern Missouri Gas Company, L.P. d/b/a Southern Missouri Natural Gas ("SMNG"), and pursuant to 4 CSR 240-2.080 and the Commission's Order Directing Filing And Granting Motion For Substitution Of Party issued on July 11, 2007, SMNG states as follows:

1. On July 11, 2007, the Commission issued its Order Directing Filing And Granting Motion For Substitution Of Party ("Order") which directed that SMNG file a pleading by July 20, 2007, indicating which previous filings in this matter remain pertinent to the application originally filed by Alliance Gas Energy Corporation ("Alliance") on October 26, 2006. In addition, the Order directed that SMNG shall submit a status report, by August 11, 2007, indicating when it plans to file all the missing information required by Commission Rules 4 CSR 3.205(1)(A) and (1)(B).

2. Having reviewed the previous filings in this matter, SMNG is of the opinion that all of the previous filings made in this proceeding remain pertinent to the application originally filed by Alliance Gas Energy Corporation on October 26, 2006. Pursuant to the Commission's

Order which granted SMNG's motion to be substituted as the applicant in this proceeding, SMNG is the successor-in-interest to Alliance on this matter. SMNG will be effectively stepping into the shoes of Alliance as the Applicant in this proceeding. SMNG intends to provide supplemental and/or updated information, as directed by the Commission, in order to complete the Application in the near future. SMNG will file a status report as directed by the Order by August 11, 2007, indicating when it plans to file the supplemental and updated information.

WHEREFORE, SMNG respectfully requests that the Commission accept this pleading in response to the Order Directing Filing And Granting Motion For Substitution Of Party issued on July 11, 2007 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 20th day of July 2007.

/s/ James M. Fischer

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