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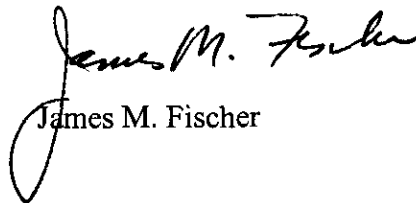
RE: *Southern Missouri Gas Company, L.P.*
Case No. GR-2000-485

Dear Mr. Roberts:

Enclosed are the original and eight (8) copies of Southern Missouri Gas Company, L.P.'s Status Report for filing in the above-referenced matter. A copy of the foregoing Status Report has been hand-delivered or mailed this date to parties of record.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,


James M. Fischer

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cc: Office of the Public Counsel

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
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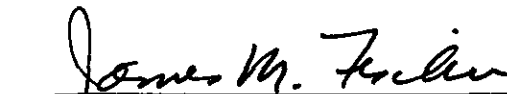
In the Matter of Southern Missouri Gas)
Company, L.P. for Authority to File Tariffs)
Increasing Rates for Gas Service) Case No. GR-2000-485
Provided to Customers in the Company's)
Missouri Service Area.)

Southern Missouri Gas Company L.P.'s Status Report

COMES NOW Southern Missouri Gas Company, L.P. (SMGC or Company), and
pursuant to the Commission Order Directing Filing issued on September 1, 2000, files its Status
Report on the progress of this proceeding:

1. On July 21, 2000, SMGC, Commission Staff and Public Counsel met, to consider
the results of the rate case audit. As a result of these and subsequent discussions among the
parties hereto, the Company believes that an evidentiary hearing will not be necessary and the
parties will be able to resolve this matter by Stipulation and Agreement. However, to date, a
Stipulation and Agreement has not be executed. Therefore, the Company would respectfully
request that it be given additional time to work with the Commission Staff and Public Counsel to
resolve all issues by settlement of the case.

Respectfully submitted,



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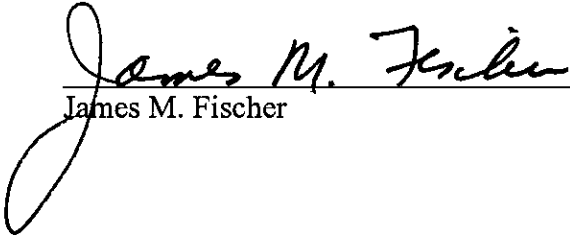
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SOUTHERN MISSOURI GAS COMPANY, L.P.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I do hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing document has been hand-delivered or mailed, First Class Mail, postage prepaid, this 12th day of September, 2000, to:

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