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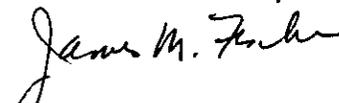
RE: *In the Matter of a Commission Inquiry into Purchased Gas Cost Recovery, Case No. GW-2001-398.*

Dear Mr. Roberts:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced matter are the original and eight (8) copies of the Application To Intervene filed on behalf of Southern Missouri Gas Company, L.P. A copy of the foregoing Application 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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Enclosures

cc: Office of the Public Counsel
General Counsel

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
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APPLICATION TO INTERVENE

COMES NOW Southern Missouri Gas Company, L.P. ("SMGC"), and pursuant to 4 CSR 240-2.075 respectfully requests that the Commission grant SMGC the right to intervene and participate in this proceeding. In support of this Application, SMGC states as follows:

1. On January 23, 2001, the Commission issued its Order Creating Case and Establishing Task Force which created this proceeding "to investigate the process for the recovery of natural gas commodity cost increases by LDCs from their customers. A Natural Gas Commodity Price Task Force will be created to investigate and discuss options on this issue." (Order, p. 1) The Commission established an intervention date of February 22, 2001, for expressions of interest by any person or entity which desires to participate in the task force process.

IDENTITY OF APPLICANT

2. Southern Missouri Gas Company, L.P. is a public utility engaged in the distribution, transportation and sale of natural gas in southern Missouri. SMGC is organized as a limited partnership under the laws of Missouri with its principal place of business located at 8801 South Yale, Suite 385, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74137. SMGC is a "gas corporation" and "public utility" pursuant to Sections 386.020(18) and (42) (RSMo. 2000), and has been granted a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity to provide natural gas service within the state of

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Missouri.

3. All correspondence, pleadings, orders and documents in this proceeding should be addressed to:

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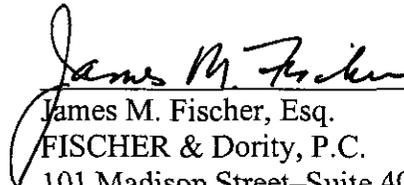
4. At this time, SMGC does not have a specific individual that it would designate as its representative in the Task Force process. However, SMGC intends to participate, with the permission of the Commission, by providing legal and/or technical personnel, as necessary to participate in the Task Force process.

APPLICANT'S INTEREST IN PROCEEDING

5. SMGC has approved tariffs which include a purchased gas adjustment ("PGA") and actual cost adjustment (ACA) mechanism that are designed to ensure the recovery of gas commodity costs from its customers. The PGA and ACA mechanism may be affected by the outcome of the work of the Task Force created in this matter. As a result, SMGC' interest in this proceeding is different from that of the general public. SMGC' participation will aid the Commission in resolving the issues raised in this proceeding. Therefore, SMGC requests the opportunity to intervene and participate in this proceeding in order to monitor the case, and to protect its interests.

WHEREFORE, Southern Missouri Gas Company, L.P respectfully requests the
Commission to issue its Order Granting Intervention and Participation in this proceeding.

Respectfully submitted,


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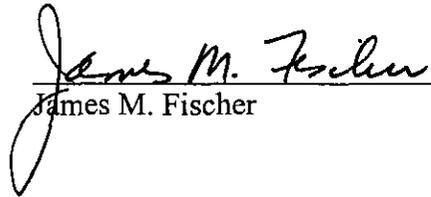
Attorney for Southern Missouri Gas Company, L.P.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I do hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing document has been hand-delivered or mailed, postage prepaid, this 13th day of February, 2001, to:

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