## 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,	)	Case No. GA-2007-0212
install, own, operate, control, manage and	)	
maintain a natural gas distribution system	)	
to provide gas service in Lebanon,	)	
Missouri.	)	

## STAFF RESPONSE TO COMMISSION ORDER DIRECTING FILING OF STAFF RECOMMENDATION

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission and in response to the Commission's December 21, 2006 Order Directing Filing of Staff Recommendation and states:

- 1. On December 6, 2006, Southern Missouri Gas Company, LP (dba) Southern Missouri Natural Gas, filed its Application for Commission authority to construct, install, own, operate, control, manage and maintain a natural gas distribution system to provide gas service in Lebanon, Missouri.
- 2. On December 21, the Commission issued its order directing Staff to file a recommendation or a status report on January 22.
- 3. Staff has submitted requests for detailed information necessary to an analysis of the feasibility of the proposed project. To date, Staff has not received data request responses that are sufficiently detailed to proceed with its examination and analysis of the feasibility of the proposed project.

4. Staff is currently in the process of scheduling a conference call with the Applicants for the week of January 22 to discuss what information is necessary for Staff to

proceed with developing its recommendation.

5 Until Staff receives adequate information necessary to make an informed

recommendation to the Commission, it cannot estimate when it will file its Report. Staff

proposes to file a status report or its final report on February 27 unless otherwise ordered by the

Commission.

WHEREFORE Staff requests the Commission accept this pleading in response to the

Commission's Order Establishing Protective Order and Directing Staff to File a Pleading Stating

When It Will File a Recommendation in This Case.

Respectfully submitted,

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