

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) **Case No. GA-2007-0212**
Authorizing It to Construct, Install, Own, Operate, Control,)
Manage, and Maintain a Natural Gas Distribution System)
to Provide Gas Service in Lebanon, Missouri.)

ORDER DIRECTING FILING

Issue Date: March 5, 2007

Effective Date: March 5, 2007

On December 6, 2006, Southern Missouri Gas Company, L.P., d/b/a Southern Missouri Natural Gas (SMNG), applied to the Commission for a certificate of service authority to provide natural gas service in the City of Lebanon, Missouri, and various unincorporated areas in Laclede and Webster Counties. The Commission gave notice of the application to interested entities and set a date for its Staff to file a recommendation or status report.

On February 27, 2007, Staff filed its response. Staff relates that it has submitted requests to SMNG for detailed information necessary to an analysis of the feasibility of the proposed project. Staff states that it is still investigating the matter and is not yet in a position to make an informed recommendation. Staff requests an extension of time and proposes to file another status report, or its final report, on or before April 15, 2007.

The Commission has considered the Staff's response and finds it reasonable to grant the requested extension.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. The Staff of the Commission shall file its recommendation, or a status report, no later than April 15, 2007.
2. This order shall become effective on March 5, 2007.

BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Colleen M. Dale', written over a horizontal line.

Colleen M. Dale
Secretary

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Nancy Dippell, Deputy Chief Regulatory
Law Judge, by delegation of authority
pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 5th day of March, 2007.