

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, Install, Own,)	<u>Case No. GA-2007-0168</u>
Operate, Control, Manage and Maintain a Natural Gas)	
Distribution System to Provide Gas Service in Branson,)	
Branson West, Reeds Spring, and Hollister, Missouri)	

ORDER GRANTING JOINT REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO
FILE PROPOSED PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

Issue Date: September 19, 2007

Effective Date: September 19, 2007

On August 23, 2007, the Commission issued an order setting this matter for a prehearing conference on September 10, 2007. In the same order, the parties were also directed to jointly prepare and file a proposed procedural schedule by no later than September 17, 2007. On September 18, 2007, Staff and Southern Missouri Gas Company, L.P., d/b/a Southern Missouri Natural Gas ("SMNG") filed their joint Request for Extension of Time to File Proposed Procedural Schedule. In support of their request, Staff and SMNG stated that the prehearing conference took place as scheduled, that discussions between the parties have been fruitful and are still ongoing, and that the parties are actively pursuing a settlement to present to the Commission for approval. Staff and SMNG also advise that by no later than September 25, 2007, they expect to be able to inform the Commission whether a Stipulation and Agreement may be reached in this case and in Case No. GA-2006-0561, a similar case involving nearly identical issues and many of the same parties. Accordingly, Staff and SMNG asked the Commission to grant the parties an extension of

time to September 25 to file a proposed procedural schedule, should one wind up being necessary.

The Commission finds the joint request to be reasonable under the circumstances and shall grant it pursuant to Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.050(3)(B).¹

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. The parties' joint Request for Extension of Time to File Proposed Procedural Schedule, which was filed by Staff and Southern Missouri Gas Company, L.P., d/b/a Southern Missouri Natural Gas on September 18, 2007, is granted. The deadline for the parties to jointly prepare and file a proposed procedural schedule is hereby extended to October 1, 2007.

2. This order shall become effective on September 19, 2007.

BY THE COMMISSION



Colleen M. Dale
Secretary

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Benjamin H. Lane, Regulatory Law
Judge, by delegation of authority
under Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 19th day of September, 2007.

¹ Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.050(3)(B) provides that when an act is required to be done by order of the Commission, the Commission may, at its discretion, permit the act to be done after the expiration of the specified period where the failure to act was the result of excusable neglect.