

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 NOTICE AND SETTING DATE FOR SUBMISSION
OF INTERVENTION REQUESTS

Issue Date: December 13, 2006

Effective Date: December 13, 2006

On December 6, 2006, Southern Missouri Gas Company, L.P., d/b/a Southern Missouri Natural Gas (SMNG), filed an application with the Missouri Public Service Commission requesting that the Commission grant SMNG authority to provide natural gas service to customers in the City of Lebanon, Missouri, and various unincorporated environs located between Lebanon and Marshfield, Missouri. The proposed service territory comprises areas in Laclede and Webster Counties. Attached to its application as Appendices B and C, respectively, are a map of the area to be served and a metes and bounds legal description. According to SMNG's application, natural gas service is not presently available to residents in the proposed certificated area.

The Commission finds that notice of SMNG's application should be given to the general public and interested parties and that a date for intervention of proper parties should be set. The Commission's Data Center shall mail a copy of this notice to the county commissions of Laclede and Webster Counties. In addition, the Commission's public

information officer shall make notice of this order available to the media serving Laclede and Webster Counties and to the members of the General Assembly representing Laclede and Webster Counties.

The requirement of a hearing has been fulfilled when all those having a desire to be heard are offered an opportunity to be heard. If no proper party or governmental entity is granted intervention and neither the Staff of the Commission nor the Office of the Public Counsel requests a hearing, the Commission may determine that a hearing is not necessary and direct Staff to file its recommendation regarding SMNG's application.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. The Missouri Public Service Commission's Data Center is ordered to serve notice as set out herein.
2. The Missouri Public Service Commission's public information officer is ordered to serve notice as set out herein.
3. Any proper person wishing to intervene in this matter shall file an application to do so no later than January 12, 2007. Such applications shall be filed with:

Secretary
Missouri Public Service Commission
Post Office Box 360
Jefferson City, Missouri 65102

with a copy served on:

James M. Fischer
Fischer & Dority, P.C.
101 Madison Street, Suite 400
Jefferson City, Missouri 65101
ATTORNEY FOR SOUTHERN MISSOURI GAS COMPANY, L.P.,
D/B/A SOUTHERN MISSOURI NATURAL GAS

and:

Office of the Public Counsel
Post Office Box 2230
Jefferson City, Missouri 65102

4. This order shall become effective on December 13, 2006.

BY THE COMMISSION

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

Colleen M. Dale
Secretary

(S E A L)

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 13th day of December, 2006.