

**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, Operate, Control, Manage, and Maintain a Natural Gas Distribution System to Provide Gas Service in Lebanon, Missouri. )  
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) **Case No. GA-2007-0212**  
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In the Matter of the Application of Southern Missouri Gas Company, L.P. d/b/a Southern Missouri Natural Gas, for Authority to Issue Approximately \$10 Million in Equity Capital and Approximately \$50 Million In Notes and Other Forms of Indebtedness. )  
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) **Case No. GF-2007-0215**  
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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, Operate, Control, Manage, and Maintain a Natural Gas Distribution System to Provide Gas Service in Houston, Licking, and Mountain View, Missouri. )  
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) **Case No. GA-2007-0310**  
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**ORDER CONSOLIDATING CASES**

Issue Date: March 8, 2007

Effective Date: March 8, 2007

On February 15, 2007, Southern Missouri Gas Company, L.P., d/b/a Southern Missouri Natural Gas (SMNG), filed a motion to consolidate the above-captioned cases. Case No. GA-2007-0212 is SMNG's application for a certificate of convenience and necessity to provide natural gas service in Lebanon, Missouri, and unincorporated areas in Laclede and Webster Counties. Case No. GA-2007-0310 is SMNG's application for a certificate of convenience and necessity to provide natural gas service in Houston, Licking, and Mountain View, Missouri. Case No. GF-2007-0215 is a financing application. In

support of its motion, SMNG states that in order for it to expand its service area as contemplated by the applications in GA-2007-0212 and GA-2007-0310, the financing requested in GF-2007-0215 is necessary. SMNG submits that these three cases, therefore, involve related questions of law and fact, and that consolidation of these matters would promote judicial economy and avoid unnecessary costs and delay. No responses to SMNG's motion have been filed and the time for doing so has now passed.

Commission rule 4 CSR 240-2.110(3) allows the Commission to consolidate pending actions involving related questions of law or fact. The Commission has considered SMNG's Motion to Consolidate Cases and finds that the issues in these three cases are clearly related and that it is reasonable to consolidate the cases for all purposes. Case No. GA-2007-0212 shall be designated as the lead case and hereafter, all pleadings filed in the consolidated case shall be filed only in GA-2007-0212.

**IT IS ORDERED THAT:**

1. Case Nos. GA-2007-0212, GF-2007-0215, and GA-2007-0310 are consolidated. Case No. GA-2007-0212 is designated as the lead case.
2. This order shall become effective on March 8, 2007.

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**BY THE COMMISSION**



Colleen M. Dale  
Secretary

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 8th day of March, 2007.