

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

ORDER ADOPTING PROPOSED PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

Issue Date: October 25, 2007

Effective Date: October 25, 2007

On August 23, 2007, the Commission issued an order directing the parties 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, which was granted by order dated September 19, 2007.

On October 24, 2007, SMNG filed a proposed procedural schedule on behalf of all the parties to this case. In support of the schedule, which includes a proposed hearing date and time of November 27-28, 2007 beginning at 8:30 a.m., SMNG stated that while settlement discussions with Staff have been productive and are still ongoing, it would be prudent to reserve a date for an evidentiary hearing should one become necessary. The Commission finds the procedural schedule proposed by the parties to be reasonable under the circumstances and shall adopt it.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. The parties' Proposed Procedural Schedule, which was filed by Southern Missouri Gas Company, L.P., d/b/a Southern Missouri Natural Gas on October 24, 2007, is hereby adopted.

2. If the parties are unable to reach agreement on the merits of Southern Missouri Natural Gas' application, they shall appear at an evidentiary hearing to be held on Tuesday and Wednesday, November 27-28, 2007, beginning at 8:30 a.m. each day. The hearing will be held in Room 305 at the Commission's offices in the Governor Office Building, 200 Madison Street, Jefferson City, Missouri, a building that meets the accessibility standards required by the Americans with Disabilities Act. Any person needing additional accommodations to participate in this prehearing conference should call the Public Service Commission's Hotline at 1-800-392-4211 or dial Relay Missouri at 711 prior to the conference.

3. If the parties are unable to reach agreement on the merits of Southern Missouri Natural Gas' application, they shall jointly file, by no later than Monday, November 19, 2007, a list of the issues to be decided, the witnesses to appear on each day of the hearing and the order in which they will be called, and the order of cross-examination for each witness. Any issue not contained in this list of issues will be viewed as uncontested and not requiring resolution by the Commission.

4. Any stipulation and agreement must be presented in written form, executed by the parties, on or before the date set for hearing. If a stipulation is not so presented, the case will proceed to hearing on the date and time scheduled.

5. This order shall become effective on October 25, 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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Benjamin H. Lane, Regulatory
Law Judge, by delegation of authority
under Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 25th day of October, 2007.