

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
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,)	Case No. GA-2007-0212
install, own, operate, control, manage)	
and maintain a natural gas distribution)	
system to provide gas service in)	
Lebanon, Missouri.)	

In the matter of the Application of)	
Southern Missouri Gas Company, L.P.)	
d/b/a Southern Missouri Natural Gas)	Case No. GF-2007-0215
for Authority To Issue approximately \$10 Million)	
in Equity Capital and approximately \$50 Million In)	
Notes and Other Forms of Indebtedness.)	

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,)	Case No. GA-2007-0310
install, own, operate, control, manage)	
and maintain a natural gas distribution)	
system to provide gas service in)	
Houston, Licking, and Mountain View, Missouri.)	

PROPOSED PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

COMES NOW Southern Missouri Gas Company, L.P. d/b/a Southern Missouri Natural Gas, ("SMNG" or "Company") and on behalf of the parties to this proceeding, files a proposed Procedural Schedule as directed by the Regulatory Law Judge at the Procedural Conference held on June 29, 2007. SMNG respectfully states as follows:

1. On December 6, 2006, SMNG filed an Application for a certificate of convenience and necessity to provide natural gas service in Lebanon, Missouri. This case was designated as Case No. GA-2007-0212 and subsequently consolidated with Case Nos. GF-2007-0215 and GA-2007-0310 (Houston and Licking).

2. On June 12, 2007, Staff filed its Staff Recommendation which recommended, *inter alia*, that the Commission conditionally approve SMNG's Application to Expand Service into Lebanon, Houston, and Licking, and to withhold approval of the financing application, pending the receipt of certain specific information.

3. On June 12, 2007, SMNG filed its Response Of Southern Missouri Natural Gas To The Staff Recommendation which informed the Commission that the approach suggested by Staff for resolving the final issues related to the applications for a certificate of public convenience and necessity for Lebanon, Houston, and Licking, and to the application for financing, is acceptable to SMNG. SMNG further requested that the Commission issue its Order Approving Certificate of Convenience and Necessity for Lebanon, Houston, and Licking, as recommended by Staff at its earliest convenience.

4. On June 22, 2007, the Commission issued its Order Setting Procedural Conference And Directing Filing which scheduled a procedural conference for June 29, 2007. The Order also directed that, if a hearing is requested, the parties shall file a proposed procedural schedule no later than July 9, 2007.

5. At the procedural conference held on June 29, 2007, counsel for the Missouri Propane Gas Association ("MPGA") indicated that MPGA would be filing a Request For Hearing in this

matter.¹ During the procedural conference, the parties agreed to recommend to the Commission that a hearing be held in this matter on July 27, 2007, commencing at 9 A.M. The purpose of the hearing is to allow the parties to present evidence supporting and opposing the Company's application, and allow the parties and the Commissioners to ask questions regarding the Staff's Recommendation filed on June 13, 2007.

6. Counsel for Southern Star Central Pipeline, MPGA, and the Office of the Public Counsel have no objection to the proposed procedural schedule discussed herein.

WHEREFORE Southern Missouri Gas Company, L.P. d/b/a Southern Missouri Natural Gas respectfully requests on behalf of itself and the parties to this proceeding that the Commission adopt the procedural schedule discussed herein, and schedule a hearing on this matter for July 27, 2007, commencing at 9 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

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¹ Following the conclusion of the procedural conference on June 29, 2007, MPGA filed its Request For Hearing which formalized its request for a hearing and stated that it expected to introduce evidence in opposition to the Application for a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing document has been hand-delivered, emailed or mailed, postage prepaid, by U.S. Mail, First Class, this 9th day of July, 2007, to:

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