

**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, install, own, operate,)
control, manage and maintain a natural gas)
distribution system to provide gas service in)
Branson, Branson West, Reed's Spring)
and Hollister, Missouri.)

Case No. GA-2007-0168

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 in response to the Order Granting Joint Request For Extension Of Time To File Proposed Procedural Schedule. SMNG respectfully states as follows:

1. On September 19, 2007, the Commission issued an Order Granting Joint Request For Extension Of Time To File Proposed Procedural Schedule which directed the parties to file a proposed procedural schedule by October 1, 2007.
2. Staff and SMNG have engaged in settlement discussions which are continuing to date. As a result, Staff and SMNG have not previously filed proposed a procedural schedule as settlement discussions have progressed. However, in order to preserve a date for an evidentiary hearing, in the event that it is necessary to resolve outstanding issues, Staff and SMNG hereby request that the Commission schedule a hearing date in this matter for November 27-28, 2007.
3. Counsel for Southern Star Central Pipeline, Ozark Energy Partners, LLC, Missouri

Gas Energy, and the Office of the Public Counsel have no objection to the proposed procedural schedule discussed herein.¹

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 November 27-28, 2007, commencing at 8:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

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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 24th day of October, 2007, to all counsel of record in this proceeding.

/s/ James M. Fischer

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¹ One potential witness representing Ozark Energy Partners, LLC will not be available on the second day of the hearing, November 28, 2007. However, it should be possible to accommodate this conflict, if necessary, by taking his testimony on November 27, 2007.