

**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,)	Case No. GA-2007-0168
control, manage and maintain a natural gas)	
distribution system to provide gas service in)	
Branson, Branson West, Reed's Spring)	
and Hollister, Missouri.)	

**Southern Missouri Natural Gas'
Status Report and Motion For Prehearing Conference**

COMES NOW Southern Missouri Gas Company, L.P. d/b/a Southern Missouri Natural Gas ("SMNG"), and pursuant to 4 CSR 240-2.080 and the Commission's Order Directing Filing And Granting Motion For Substitution Of Party issued on July 11, 2007, SMNG states as follows:

1. On July 11, 2007, the Commission issued its Order Directing Filing And Granting Motion For Substitution Of Party ("July 11, 2007 Order") which directed that SMNG file a pleading by August 11, 2007, indicating when it plans to file all the missing information required by Commission Rules 4 CSR 240-3.205(1)(A) and (1)(B).

2. In response to the Commission's July 11, 2007 Order, SMNG wishes to inform the Commission that, concurrent with this filing, SMNG has now filed its First Amended Application which contains the supplemental and updated information SMNG believes is necessary to complete its application. SMNG also intends to supplement its attachments to the application as soon as it receives additional governmental approvals from the City of Hollister, Branson West, and the affected county governments, as described in the First Amended

Application. In addition, SMNG intends to provide supplemental maps of its proposed service area in the very near future. Otherwise, SMNG believes that its application is now complete, and the regulatory process should move forward as expeditiously as possible.

3. SMNG therefore respectfully requests that the Commission schedule a prehearing conference so that the parties may propose a procedural schedule for resolving any issues in this case.

WHEREFORE, SMNG respectfully requests that the Commission accept this Status Report in response to the Order Directing Filing And Granting Motion For Substitution Of Party issued on July 11, 2007 in this proceeding, and further requests that the Commission schedule a Prehearing Conference in this matter as soon as practical.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand-delivered, or transmitted by facsimile or electronic mail to all counsel of record this 10th day of August, 2007.

/s/ James M. Fischer

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