

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

In the Matter of the Application of )  
Southern Missouri Natural Gas d/b/a )  
for a Certificate of Convenience and )  
Necessity Authorizing it to Construct, )  
Install, Own, Operate, Control, )  
Manage and Maintain a Natural Gas )  
Distribution System and to Provide )  
Gas Service in Branson, Branson )  
West, Reed's Spring and Hollister, )  
Missouri )

Case No. GA-2007-0168

**REQUEST FOR EXTENTION OF TIME TO FILE  
PROPOSED PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE**

**I. Procedural History**

1. On October 26, 2006 Alliance Gas Energy Corporation filed an application for a certificate of convenience and necessity to construct and operate an intrastate natural gas pipeline and gas utility to serve portions of Stone and Taney counties. As previously reported, Staff requested additional information in order to complete its review and analysis of the company's application.

2. Subsequently, on June 29, 2007, SMNG moved to substitute itself for the applicant, Alliance Gas Energy Corporation, as assignee under the terms of an Asset Purchase Agreement also submitted as part of its Motion.

3. Staff had no objection to SMNG's Motion.

4. Staff recommended that if the Commission grants SMNG's *Motion for Substitution of Party*, that the Commission require SMNG to adhere to all requirements of an applicant as if they were the original applicant. The requirements should all be

imposed on SMNG because if the Commission ultimately grants the certificate of necessity initially sought by Alliance Gas Energy Corporation, SMNG will be the entity who will receive it and the record created in this case should support a grant to that entity.

5. On Monday September 10, Staff, Office of the Public Counsel, SMNG, Ozark Energy Partners, which also filed for a CCN in the Branson area, in Case No. 2006-0561, and Missouri Gas Energy participated in the pre-hearing conference.

6. The parties have engaged in various discovery and discussions and as a consequence, the signatory parties are pursuing a settlement to present to the Commission. Discussions, to date, have been fruitful and are ongoing.

7. SMNG and the Staff expect to be able to inform the Commission no later than September 25 whether a Stipulation and Agreement may be reached in this case and in GA-2006-0561.

WHEREFORE the SMNG and the Staff request the Commission grant the parties additional time to determine whether a Stipulation and Agreement is possible, and therefore request that the Commission grant the parties an extension of time until September 25 to file a proposed procedural schedule, if necessary.

Respectfully submitted,

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