

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) **Case No. GA-2007-0212**
Authorizing It to Construct, Install, Own, Operate, Control,)
Manage, and Maintain a Natural Gas Distribution System)
to Provide Gas Service in Lebanon, Missouri.)

ORDER GRANTING INTERVENTION AND DIRECTING FILING

Issue Date: January 25, 2007

Effective Date: January 25, 2007

On December 6, 2006, Southern Missouri Gas Company, L.P., d/b/a Southern Missouri Natural Gas (SMNG), filed an application requesting Commission authority to provide natural gas service to customers in the City of Lebanon, Missouri, and various unincorporated areas located between Lebanon and Marshfield, Missouri. By order issued December 13, 2006, the Commission directed that notice of the application be given and set a deadline for the filing of intervention requests. On December 21, 2006, the Commission issued an order directing its Staff to file either its recommendation or a status report no later than January 22, 2007.

The Missouri Propane Gas Association filed a timely application to intervene on January 12, 2007. The MPGA relates that it seeks intervention to protect the interests of its members and of propane gas consumers in the proposed area of service, and to provide the Commission with information concerning the service area, propane, and natural gas generally. The MPGA states that it and its component members have an interest that is different from that of the general public in that its members are competitors with SMNG and

currently serve some of the same customers who will be affected if this application is granted. The MPGA anticipates that it will oppose the application.

The Commission finds that the application substantially meets the requirements of 4 CSR 240-2.075 and will grant the MPGA intervention in this case.

On January 23, 2007, the Staff of the Commission filed its response to the Commission's December 21, 2006 order. Staff states that it has submitted requests for information necessary to analyze the feasibility of the proposed project but that, to date, it has not received responses that are sufficiently detailed to proceed with its examination and analysis. Staff therefore proposes to file either a status report or its final report on February 27, 2007, unless otherwise ordered by the Commission.

The Commission has considered Staff's response and finds that it is reasonable to set a new date, as proposed, for Staff to file either its recommendation or a further status report.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. The Application to Intervene filed by the Missouri Propane Gas Association is granted.
2. The Commission's Data Center shall add the Missouri Propane Gas Association as a party to this case.
3. The Staff of the Commission shall file either its recommendation, or a further status report, no later than February 27, 2007.

4. This order shall become effective on January 25, 2007.

BY THE COMMISSION

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Colleen M. Dale
Secretary

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Nancy Dippell, Deputy Chief Regulatory
Law Judge, by delegation of authority
pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

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