

**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,     ) **et al.**  
Manage, and Maintain a Natural Gas Distribution System     )  
to Provide Gas Service in Lebanon, Missouri.     )

**ORDER SETTING PROCEDURAL CONFERENCE**  
**AND DIRECTING FILING**

Issue Date: June 22, 2007

Effective Date: June 22, 2007

On December 6, 2006, Southern Missouri Gas Company, L.P., filed an application for a certificate of convenience and necessity to provide natural gas distribution service to the City of Lebanon, Missouri (Lebanon Application). On December 12, 2006, Southern Missouri Gas filed an application for approval to issue approximately \$10 million in equity capital and \$50 million in notes and other indebtedness in order to finance the proposed expansion of its system into Lebanon. Southern Missouri Gas later filed an application for a certificate of convenience and necessity to provide natural gas service in Houston, Licking, and Mountain View, Missouri. At the request of Southern Missouri Gas and without objection by the other parties, the Commission consolidated the three cases on March 8, 2007. The Missouri Propane Gas Association and Southern Star Pipeline, Inc., were each granted intervention.

Southern Star Pipeline has not taken a position on the application. The MPGA has stated that it “anticipates it will oppose the application” but has not yet requested a

hearing in the matter. In addition, the MPGA has a pending motion to dismiss or to stay the proceedings which the Commission shall rule upon in the near future.

In order to move this case expeditiously, and in anticipation of opposition to the application, the Commission will set a procedural conference at which the parties shall be prepared to discuss the necessity for a hearing and the dates for a procedural schedule in this matter. The Commission shall also set a date for the filing of the proposed procedural schedule.

**IT IS ORDERED THAT:**

1. The parties are directed to appear at a procedural conference beginning at 9:30 a.m. on June 29, 2007, in Room 305 of the Governor Office Building, 200 Madison Street, Jefferson City, Missouri. This building meets accessibility standards required by the Americans with Disabilities Act. Anyone needing additional accommodations to participate in the conference should call the Public Service Commission's Hotline at 1-800-392-4211 (voice) or Relay Missouri at 711 prior to the conference.

2. Any party wishing to appear at the procedural conference by telephone shall notify the Regulatory Law Judge no later than June 27, 2007, by e-mail at [nancy.dippell@psc.mo.gov](mailto:nancy.dippell@psc.mo.gov), or by telephone at 573-751-4393.

3. If a hearing is requested, the parties shall jointly or separately file a proposed procedural schedule no later than July 9, 2007.

4. This order shall become effective on June 22, 2007.

**BY THE COMMISSION**

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Colleen M. Dale  
Secretary

( S E A L )

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 22nd day of June, 2007.