

**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 authorizing it to construct,)	Case No. GA-2007-0212
install, own, operate, control, manage and)	
maintain a natural gas distribution system)	
to provide gas service in Lebanon,)	
Missouri.)	

STAFF STATUS REPORT

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission, pursuant to the Commission's March 5, 2007 Order Directing Filing, and states:

1. On December 6, 2006, Southern Missouri Gas Company, LP (dba) Southern Missouri Natural Gas, filed its Application for Commission authority to construct, install, own, operate, control, manage and maintain a natural gas distribution system to provide gas service in Lebanon, Missouri.
2. On March 5, 2007, the Commission issued its order directing Staff to file a recommendation or a status report no later than April 15, 2007. Because April 15 falls on a Sunday, the Staff is filing its Status Report today, April 13, 2007.
3. On April 3, 2007, the Commission issued its Order Granting Intervention of Southern Star Central Gas Pipeline.
4. Staff is currently in the process of submitting data requests to obtain additional information concerning the feasibility of the project. Accordingly, Staff is still investigating this matter and is not yet in a position to make an informed recommendation.

5. Staff has not yet received complete answers to some of the data requests already issued. Until Staff receives adequate information to make an informed recommendation to the Commission, it cannot estimate when it will file its Recommendation. Staff proposes to file a status report or its final report on May 15, 2007, unless it is able to file sooner.

WHEREFORE Staff requests the Commission accept this pleading as the Status Report due not later than April 15, and grant Staff's request to file either its Status Report or Final Report on or before May 15, 2007.

Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand-delivered, transmitted by facsimile or emailed to all counsel of record this 13th day of April 2007.

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