

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, Install, Own, Operate, Control,) **Case No. GA-2007-0310**
Manage, and Maintain a Natural Gas Distribution System)
to Provide Gas Service in Houston, Licking, and)
Mountain View, Missouri.)

ORDER DIRECTING NOTICE AND SETTING DATE FOR SUBMISSION
OF INTERVENTION REQUESTS

Issue Date: February 20, 2007

Effective Date: February 20, 2007

On February 15, 2007, Southern Missouri Gas Company, L.P., d/b/a Southern Missouri Natural Gas (SMNG), filed an application with the Missouri Public Service Commission requesting a certificate of convenience and necessity for a pipeline and natural gas distribution system to provide natural gas and transportation services in parts of Texas and Howell Counties, including Houston, Licking, and Mountain View, Missouri. SMNG relates that in 1995, in Case No. GA-94-127, the Commission issued orders authorizing its predecessor, Tartan Energy Company, L.C., d/b/a Southern Missouri Energy Company, L.C., to commence construction of trunkline facilities and municipal distribution facilities in several municipalities, including Houston, Licking, and Mountain View. However, the trunkline and distribution facilities were not completed in these three cities. SMNG is requesting a new certificate to provide service similar to the previously granted certificate. According to SMNG, no same or similar utility service, regulated or unregulated, is available in the area requested.

The Commission finds that notice of SMNG's application should be given to the general public and interested parties and that a date for intervention of proper parties should be set. The Commission's Data Center shall mail a copy of this notice to the county commissions of Texas and Howell Counties. In addition, the Commission's public information officer shall make notice of this order available to the media serving Texas and Howell Counties and to the members of the General Assembly representing these two counties.

The Commission shall also direct its Staff to prepare and file a recommendation concerning this application, or a status report indicating the earliest possible date on which it can file a recommendation.

The requirement of a hearing has been fulfilled when all those having a desire to be heard are offered an opportunity to be heard. If no proper party or governmental entity is granted intervention and neither the Staff of the Commission nor the Office of the Public Counsel requests a hearing, the Commission may determine that a hearing is not necessary and direct Staff to file its recommendation regarding SMNG's application.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. The Missouri Public Service Commission's Data Center is ordered to serve notice as set out herein.
2. The Missouri Public Service Commission's public information officer is ordered to serve notice as set out herein.
3. Any proper person wishing to intervene in this matter shall file an application to do so no later than March 22, 2007. Such applications shall be filed with:

Secretary
Missouri Public Service Commission
Post Office Box 360
Jefferson City, Missouri 65102

with a copy served on:

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D/B/A SOUTHERN MISSOURI NATURAL GAS

and:

Office of the Public Counsel
Post Office Box 2230
Jefferson City, Missouri 65102

4. The Staff of the Commission shall file its recommendation concerning this application, or a status report, no later than April 2, 2007.
5. This order shall become effective on February 20, 2007.

BY THE COMMISSION



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 20th day of February, 2007.