

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

The Office of the Public Counsel,)	
)	
Complainant,)	
)	
v.)	<u>Case No. GC-2006-0180</u>
)	
Southern Missouri Gas Company, L.P.,)	
)	
Respondent.)	

ORDER ESTABLISHING PROTECTIVE ORDER

Issue Date: April 13, 2006

Effective Date: April 13, 2006

On April 12, 2006, Southern Missouri Gas Company, L.P. d/b/a Southern Missouri Natural Gas filed a Motion for Protective Order. That motion requests that the Commission issue a protective order to protect highly confidential and proprietary information from disclosure during the course of these proceedings.

After reviewing Southern Missouri Natural Gas' motion, the Commission finds that there is a need to protect confidential information and that the request for a protective order is reasonable.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. The protective order attached to this order (Attachment A) is adopted.

2. This order shall become effective on April 13, 2006.

BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Colleen M. Dale', written over a horizontal line.

Colleen M. Dale
Secretary

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Morris L. Woodruff, Deputy Chief Regulatory
Law Judge, by delegation of authority
pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 13th day of April, 2006.