

**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 DIRECTING PUBLIC COUNSEL TO FILE A PROGRESS
REPORT**

Issue Date: January 26, 2006

Effective Date: January 26, 2006

In a status report filed on December 20, 2005, the parties indicated that they were engaging in further discussions among themselves and that they did not wish to propose a procedural schedule at that time. The Commission would like to have an update from the parties regarding the status of their discussions and whether they are now ready to propose a procedural schedule. To avoid confusion, the Commission will direct Public Counsel to file the report but expects that the report will reflect the views of all the parties.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That no later than February 14, 2006, the Office of the Public Counsel shall file a progress report regarding the status of this complaint.

2. That this order shall become effective on January 26, 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

(S E A L)

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

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 26th day of January, 2006.