

**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: February 27, 2006

Effective Date: February 27, 2006

In a status report filed on February 14, 2006, Public Counsel indicated that the parties are engaged in further discussions among themselves, possibly leading to a settlement. Public Counsel indicated that it would submit either an agreement or another progress report by February 21. Neither has yet been submitted.

The Commission would like to have an update from the parties regarding the status of their discussions. 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 ORDERED THAT:

1. No later than March 6, 2006, the Office of the Public Counsel shall file a progress report regarding the status of this complaint.

2. This order shall become effective on February 27, 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, Deputy Chief Regulatory
Law Judge, by delegation of authority
pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 27th day of February, 2006.