

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**  
**OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

Ozark Energy Partners, LLC,	)	
	)	
Complainant,	)	
	)	
v.	)	<b><u>Case No. GC-2008-0154</u></b>
	)	
Southern Missouri Gas Company, L.P.	)	
d/b/a Southern Missouri Natural Gas,	)	
	)	
Respondent.	)	

**ORDER GRANTING MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE**  
**STAFF REPORT**

Issue Date: December 27, 2007

Effective Date: December 27, 2007

Ozark Energy Partners, LLC ("Ozark") filed a formal complaint against Southern Missouri Gas Company, L.P. d/b/a Southern Missouri Natural Gas ("SMNG") on November 9, 2007. On November 20, 2007, the Commission notified SMNG of the complaint and allowed it thirty days in which to answer as provided by 4 CSR 240-2.070(7).

The same day, pursuant to 4 CSR 240-2.070(10), the Commission ordered its Staff to commence an investigation of Ozark's formal complaint and to file a report concerning the results of its investigation no later than one week after SMNG filed its answer to the complaint. Also on November 20, 2007, Staff filed its Request for Clarification on Staff Report Filing Date, in which it asked the Commission to clarify, for planning purposes, precisely when the report would be due. On November 29, 2007, the Commission issued a

notice clarifying its November 20 order by stating that Staff's report and recommendation in this matter would be due on December 27, 2007.

In its Motion to Dismiss, Answer and Affirmative Defenses, which was filed on December 19, 2007, SMNG cited testimony received in a different Commission matter involving both Ozark and SMNG. On December 26, 2007, Staff filed its request for an extension of time to file its report and recommendation, which states that Staff would like more time to review the information contained in the transcripts of the other case and that it is still waiting for SMNG to provide Staff with certain information requested by Staff on December 21, 2007, which is due by no later than January 10, 2008. Accordingly, Staff requests an extension of time until January 11, 2008. The Commission finds Staff's request, which is authorized by Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.050(3)(A), to be reasonable under the circumstances and shall grant it.

**IT IS ORDERED THAT:**

1. Staff's Request for Extension to File Report is granted. Staff shall file a report concerning the results of its investigation of Ozark Energy Partners, LLC's formal complaint against Southern Missouri Gas Company, L.P. d/b/a Southern Missouri Natural Gas on or before January 11, 2008.

2. This order shall become effective on December 27, 2007.

**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 )

Benjamin H. Lane, Regulatory Law  
Judge, by delegation of authority  
under Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,  
on this 27th day of December, 2007.