

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

Ozark Energy Partners, LLC,)
)
 Complainant,)
)
v.)
)
Southern Missouri Gas Company, L.P.)
d/b/a Southern Missouri Natural Gas,)
)
Respondent.)

Case No. GC-2008-0154

ORDER DIRECTING STAFF TO INVESTIGATE AND FILE A REPORT

Issue Date: November 20, 2007

Effective Date: November 20, 2007

Ozark Energy Partners, LLC 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 Commission would like to have the benefit of an investigation and report by its Staff before it further considers this matter.¹ Given the circumstances described in the complaint, Staff should be able to complete its investigation and prepare a report concerning the results of that investigation no later than one week after SMNG files its answer, which is due no later than December 20, 2007.

¹ SMNG's answer period has just begun. However, 4 CSR 240-2.070(10) states that "[t]he commission may order, at any time after the filing of a complaint, an investigation by its staff as to the cause of the complaint."

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. The Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission shall promptly commence an investigation of Ozark Energy Partners, LLC's formal complaint against Southern Missouri Gas Company, L.P. d/b/a Southern Missouri Natural Gas.
2. The Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission shall file a report concerning the results of its investigation no later than one week after Southern Missouri Natural Gas files its answer to Ozark's complaint.
3. This order shall become effective on November 20, 2007.

BY THE COMMISSION

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Colleen M. Dale
Secretary

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

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 20th day of November, 2007.