

OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

Case No. GE-2006-0189

ORDER DIRECTING FILING

Issue Date: November 3, 2005

Effective Date: November 3, 2005

On November 1, 2005, Southern Missouri Gas Company, L.P., asked the Commission for a rule variance. SMGC would like to offer its eligible customers a conversion incentive program in order to encourage conversion to natural gas, and requests that the variance from 4 CSR 240-14.020 be permanent. Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-14.020(1)(E), (F) and (H) currently prevents SMGC from engaging in such promotional practices. SMGC would like a permanent variance from the rule so that it can better compete against unregulated electric cooperatives and propane dealers in SMGC's service area.

The Commission will order its Staff to reply to SMGC's application.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission shall file a Staff Recommendation or a Status Report regarding when it will file its Recommendation no later than December 1, 2005.

2. That this order shall become effective on November 3, 2005.

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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Steven C. Reed, Regulatory Law Judge,
by delegation of authority pursuant
to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 3rd day of November, 2005.