OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application of Southern)
Missouri Gas Company, L.P. d/b/a Southern)
Missouri Natural Gas for Authority to Issue) Case No. GF-2007-0215
Approximately \$10 Million in Equity Capital)
and Approximately \$50 Million In Notes and)
Other Forms of Indebtedness)

ORDER DIRECTING STAFF TO FILE A RECOMMENDATION

Issue Date: December 22, 2006 Effective Date: December 22, 2006

On December 12, 2006, Southern Missouri Gas Company, L.P. d/b/a Southern Missouri Natural Gas ("SMNG") filed an application for authority to issue approximately \$10 million in additional equity capital and approximately \$50 million in notes and other indebtedness with maturities up to ten years. The Commission directed its Staff to indicate when it would be able to file a recommendation regarding the application. Staff complied with that order on December 18, 2006, stating that it will file its recommendation no later than February 13, 2007. Since Staff indicates that it will be able to file a recommendation by February 13, 2007, it will be directed to do so.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. The Staff of the Commission shall file a recommendation regarding Southern Missouri Gas Company, L.P. d/b/a Southern Missouri Natural Gas's application no later than February 13, 2007.

2. This order shall become effective on December 22, 2006.

BY THE COMMISSION

Colleen M. Dale Secretary

(SEAL)

Harold Stearley, Regulatory Law Judge, by delegation of authority pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri, on this 22nd day of December, 2006.