

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

In the Matter of the Joint Application of Southern )  
Missouri Gas Company, L.P., d/b/a Southern Missouri )  
Natural Gas and Missouri Gas Utility, Inc., for Approval ) **File No. GM-2011-0354**  
of the Merger of Southern Missouri Natural Gas with )  
Missouri Gas Utility, Inc., and for Certain Related )  
Transactions. )

**ORDER SETTING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE**

Issue Date: June 22, 2011

Effective Date: June 22, 2011

On April 27, 2011, Southern Missouri Gas Company, L.P., d/b/a Southern Missouri Natural Gas (“SMNG”) and Missouri Gas Utility (“MGU”) filed an application. That application requests, among other things, authority from the Commission for SMNG and MGU to merge, with MGU as the surviving entity.

On June 21, 2011, the parties filed a Motion for Leave to File Proposed Procedural Schedule. Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.080(15) allows parties ten days to respond to pleadings unless otherwise ordered by the Commission. However, in light of the parties’ unanimous recommendation, the Commission will take up the recommendation now, and will grant it.

**THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:**

1. The procedural schedule recommended by the parties is adopted by the Commission.
2. An evidentiary hearing is hereby scheduled for this case on September 19, 20, and 22, 2011, at 8:30 a.m. The hearing shall be held in Room 310

of the Governor Office Building, 200 Madison Street, Jefferson City, Missouri. The Governor Office Building meets accessibility standards required by the Americans with Disabilities Act. Any person who needs additional accommodations to participate in the conference should call the Public Service Commission's Hotline at 1-800-392-4211 (voice) or Relay Missouri at 711 prior to the hearing.

3. In regard to any data requests received after the filing of the proposed procedural schedule, data request responses will be due within ten calendar days of receipt of the subject data request, and any objection or request for extension shall be provided within five business days of receipt of the subject data request.

4. Any party pre-filing testimony shall serve all work-papers related to such testimony electronically upon all other parties no later than two business days after the filing of such testimony.

5. Staff shall draft in cooperation with the other parties, and file, a list of issues. Every other party shall either join in Staff's list of issues or separately file a list of issues. The format requirement set for in 4 CSR 240-2. 080(21) are waived.

6. This order shall become effective upon issuance.

( S E A L )

**BY THE COMMISSION**



Steven C. Reed  
Secretary

Ronald D. Pridgin, Senior Regulatory Law  
Judge, by delegation of authority pursuant to  
Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,  
on this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of June, 2011.