

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application of Southern Missouri Gas Company, L.P., for a Variance from 4 CSR 240-14.020(1)(D))
) **Case No. GE-2006-0156**
)

ORDER GRANTING MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Issue Date: November 30, 2005

Effective Date: November 30, 2005

On October 11, 2005, Southern Missouri Gas Company, L.P., asked the Commission for a rule variance. SMGC would like to offer its eligible customers rebates and credits to induce them to purchase natural gas-fired water heaters. Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-14.020(1)(D) currently prevents SMGC from doing so. SMGC would like a variance from the rule so that it can better compete against unregulated electric cooperatives and propane dealers in SMGC's service area.

The Commission ordered its Staff to reply to SMGC's application. Staff did so on November 18, stating that it planned to file a recommendation no later than November 30. The Commission ordered Staff to do so.

Then, on November 29, Staff filed a Motion for Extension of Time. Staff explained that a key person working on the case is on funeral leave. Staff explained that it could file a Recommendation no later than December 7, and that SMGC does not oppose Staff's request.

The Commission has considered Staff's motion, finds it reasonable, and will grant it.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission's Motion for Extension of Time is granted.
2. That the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission shall file its Recommendation no later than December 7, 2005.
3. That this order shall become effective on November 30, 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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Ronald D. Pridgin, Regulatory Law Judge,
by delegation of authority pursuant
to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 30th day of November, 2005.