

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)

ORDER DIRECTING FILING

Issue Date: November 22, 2005

Effective Date: November 22, 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.

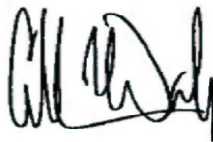
The Commission ordered its Staff to reply to SMGC's application. Staff did so on November 18, stating that it planned to file a recommendation no later than November 30. The Commission will order Staff to do so.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission shall file a Staff Recommendation no later than November 30, 2005.

2. That this order shall become effective on November 22, 2005.

BY THE COMMISSION

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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 22nd day of November, 2005.