

**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 DIRECTING NOTICE AND SETTING
DATE FOR SUBMISSION OF INTERVENTION REQUESTS**

Issue Date: April 28, 2011

Effective Date: April 28, 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.

The Commission finds that notice of this application should be given to the general public and interested parties and a date for intervention of proper parties should be set. The Commission’s Data Center shall mail a copy of this notice to the County Commissions of the Counties of: Greene, Webster, Laclede, Wright, Douglas, Texas, Howell, Stone, Taney, Harrison, Daviess, Caldwell, Pettis and Benton, and to the Department of Natural Resources of the State of Missouri. In addition, the Commission’s public information officer shall make notice of this order available to the media serving the above-referenced counties and to the members of the General Assembly representing those counties.

The requirement of a hearing has been fulfilled when all those having a desire to be heard are offered an opportunity to be heard. If no party or governmental entity is

granted intervention and neither the Commission's Staff nor the Office of the Public Counsel requests a hearing, the Commission may determine that a hearing is not necessary.¹

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The Missouri Public Service Commission's Data Center is ordered to serve notice as described in the body of this order.

2. The Missouri Public Service Commission's information officer is ordered to serve notice as described in the body of this order.

3. Any person wishing to intervene in this matter shall file an application no later than May 18, 2011. Such applications shall be filed with:

Secretary
Missouri Public Service Commission
Post Office Box 360
Jefferson City, Missouri 65102

4. This order shall become effective upon issuance.

BY THE COMMISSION



Steven C. Reed
Secretary

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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 28th day of April, 2011.

¹ *State ex rel. Deffenderfer v. Public Service Commission*, 776 S.W.2d 494, 496 (Mo App. 1989).