

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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)	<u>Case No. GF-2007-0215</u>
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: February 14, 2007

Effective Date: February 14, 2007

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. Consequently, the Commission ordered the recommendation to be filed on that date.

On February 13, 2007, Staff filed a response to the Commission's order indicating that SMNG has not yet provided necessary responses to its data requests in order for Staff to sufficiently examine SMNG's application. Staff anticipates that it will have the required information and be able to file its recommendation on February 27, 2007. Staff's proposal

is reasonable and Staff will be directed to file its recommendation, or a status report regarding its recommendation, no later than February 27, 2007.

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, or a status report regarding its recommendation, no later than February 27, 2007.

2. This order shall become effective on February 14, 2007.

BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Colleen M. Dale', written over a horizontal line.

Colleen M. Dale
Secretary

(S E A L)

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

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 14th day of February, 2007.