

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a session of the Public Service Commission held at its office in Jefferson City on the 27th day of October, 2010.

In the Matter of Southern Missouri Gas)
Company, L.P. d/b/a Southern Missouri)
Natural Gas Annual Winter PGA Filing)

File No. GR-2010-0218

**ORDER APPROVING INTERIM RATES
AND ADDRESSING REQUEST FOR WAIVER OF
4 CSR 240-4.020(2)**

Issue Date: October 27, 2010

Effective Date: November 1, 2010

On October 5, 2010 Southern Missouri Gas Company, L.P. d/b/a Southern Missouri Natural Gas filed a tariff sheet with a proposed effective date of November 1. The tariff sheet reflects a change in Southern Missouri's Purchased Gas Adjustment (PGA) factor as a result of estimated changes in the cost of natural gas for the winter season of November 2010 through March 2011.

The net effect of this change will decrease the total PGA factor to \$0.6530 per hundred cubic feet (Ccf) from the current factor of \$0.8020. This will result in an approximate annual decrease of 11% or \$82.00 in the typical residential customer's bill.

The Staff of the Commission filed its recommendation on October 21. Staff informs the Commission that the proposed tariff sheet was calculated in conformance with Southern Missouri's PGA clause and recommends that the rates be approved on an interim basis, subject to refund.

The Commission has reviewed the proposed tariff sheet and Staff's recommendation and will approve the sheet to go into effect on November 1.

Commission rule 4 CSR 240-020(2) states that "any regulated entity that intends to file a case likely to be a contested case shall file a notice with the secretary of the commission a minimum of sixty (60) days prior to filing such case." Southern Missouri filed such a notice on September 7, 2010 and filed its proposed tariff sheet on October 5, which is less than 60 days. While Southern Missouri requests a waiver of the rule, it questions whether the 60-day notice requirement is applicable to this type of case.

Southern Missouri filed its tariff in this preexisting case file. Therefore, the Commission was already on notice of Southern Missouri's PGA case. This tariff filing is therefore not one for which notice is required by 4 CSR 2404.020(2). Accordingly, it is unnecessary for the Commission to grant a waiver of the rule.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The proposed tariff sheet filed on October 5, 2010, by Southern Missouri Gas Company L.P. d/b/a Southern Missouri Natural Gas is approved on an interim basis, subject to refund, for service rendered on and after November 1, 2010. The tariff sheet approved is:

Form No. 13 P.S.C. No. 1

28th Revised Sheet No. 27, Cancelling 27th Revised Sheet No. 27

2. This order shall become effective on November 1, 2010.
3. This case shall be closed on November 2, 2010.

BY THE COMMISSION



Steven C. Reed
Secretary

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Clayton, Chm., Davis, Jarrett,
Gunn, and Kenney, CC., concur.

Jones, Senior Regulatory Law Judge