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 Approximately \$10 Million in Equity Capital and Approximately \$50 Million In Notes and Other Forms of Indebtedness.

Case No. GF-2007-0215

ORDER GRANTING EXTENSION OF TIME

Issue Date: January 15, 2008 Effective Date: January 15, 2008

Southern Missouri Gas Company, L.P., d/b/a Southern Missouri Natural Gas, filed its Second Amended Application on December 17, 2007. On December 21, 2007, the Commission directed that responses to the Second Amended Application be filed no later than January 4, 2008.

On January 4, 2008, the Staff of the Commission filed a response, in which it requests an extension of 30 days to file its recommendation. Staff relates that it is not yet in a position to make an informed recommendation because it is waiting for additional information from the Company and will need time to analyze that information once it is received. Staff states that if it is in a position to make a recommendation earlier than the requested extended filing date, it will make every attempt to do so. Staff notes that the Office of the Public Counsel concurs in the request for additional time. SMNG filed a response on January 14, 2008; SMNG does not oppose Staff's request for an extension of time.

The Commission has considered Staff's request and finds that it is reasonable to grant the requested extension of time.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

- Commission Staff's request for additional time to file its recommendation regarding the Second Amended Application of Southern Missouri Gas Company, L.P., d/b/a Southern Missouri Natural Gas, is granted.
- Commission Staff shall file its recommendation no later than February 4,
 2008.
 - 3. This order shall become effective on January 15, 2008.

BY THE COMMISSION

Colleen M. Dale Secretary

(SEAL)

Nancy Dippell, Deputy Chief Regulatory Law Judge, by delegation of authority pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri, on this 15th day of January, 2008.