

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

In the Matter of Southern Missouri Gas Company	)	
LP's Purchased Gas Adjustment (PGA) Factors to be	)	Case No. GR-2008-0379
Reviewed in its 2006-2007 Actual Cost Adjustment.	)	

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Staff") and for its Recommendation in this case states:

1. On September 19, 2008, Southern Missouri Natural Gas Company, L.P. (SMGC or Company) d/b/a Southern Missouri Natural Gas Company of Mountain Grove, Missouri, filed a tariff sheet with a proposed effective date of October 1, 2008.

2. The tariff sheet was filed to reduce SMGC's Purchased Gas Adjustment (PGA) as the result of estimated changes in the cost of natural gas for the winter season.

3. On September 25, 2008, SMGC filed its Motion for Expedited Treatment of Tariffs (Motion). SMGC filed this proposed Winter Season PGA on a nine (9) business days notice, which is less than the ten (10) business days notice as required by SMGC's PGA clause.

4. Since the net effect of this change will decrease the Total PGA factor from \$1.363 per Ccf to \$0.9751 Ccf Staff recommends prompt approval.

5. The Commission should approve the rates as interim subject to refund pending a final Commission decision in Case No. GR-2008-0379.

6. Staff has determined that the rates on the proposed tariff sheet were calculated in conformance with SMNG's PGA Clause. Staff is of the opinion that there is good cause for approval of SMNG's tariff sheet on an expedited basis.

WHEREFORE Staff recommends the Commission approve SMNG's tariff on an expedited basis, interim subject to refund only.

Respectfully submitted,

**/s/ Lera L. Shemwell**

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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand-delivered or transmitted by facsimile or electronic mail to all counsel of record this 26th day of September 2008.

**/s/ Lera L. Shemwell**

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