## OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of Class Action Claims by Missouri	)	
Natural Gas Local Distribution Companies in the	)	Case No. GO-2006-xxxx
NYMEX Natural Gas Lawsuit.	)	

## **ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE**

Issue Date: May 25, 2006 Effective Date: May 25, 2006

On August 18, 2003, a class of traders of New York Mercantile Exchange "NYMEX" natural gas futures and options contracts filed a class action lawsuit in the Southern District of New York asserting manipulation of prices of those futures and options contracts. That court has preliminarily approved a settlement of the lawsuit that would apply to all members of the class who have not already filed for exclusion. Therefore, all members of the class not already excluded will be bound by the terms of the settlement, but will only receive a portion of the settlement if they file a claim on or before July 28, 2006.

Certain Natural Gas Local Distribution Companies ("LDCs") regulated by the Commission may have engaged in trades at the NYMEX and may be entitled to a distribution from the settlement through very little effort. Therefore, the Commission requires each LDC to show cause why it should not be required to file a claim seeking distribution from the settlement. Particularly, the LDC may show:

1. That the LDC made no NYMEX natural gas futures or options transactions during the class period of June 1, 1999 though December 31, 2002, inclusive.

- 2. That the LDC has already filed a claim in this matter.
- 3. That the LDC sought and was granted exclusion from the class.

## IT IS ORDERED THAT:

- 1. No later than June 30, 2006, each LDC shall show cause why it should not be required to file seeking distribution from the settlement.
  - 2. This order shall become effective on May 25, 2006.

BY THE COMMISSION

Colleen M. Dale Secretary

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Colleen M. Dale, Chief Regulatory Law Judge, by delegation of authority pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri, on this 25th day of May, 2006.