

STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

At a Session of the Public Service
Commission held at its office
in Jefferson City on the 13th
day of June, 1985.

CASE NO. GO-85-264

In the matter of the investigation
of developments in the transportation
of natural gas and their relevance
to the regulation of natural gas
corporations in Missouri.

ORDER GRANTING MOTION AND ESTABLISHING DOCKET

On June 7, 1985, the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff) filed a Motion for Commission Order Directing an Investigation of Developments in the Natural Gas Transportation Industry and Their Relevance to the Regulation of Natural Gas Corporations in Missouri.

Staff states that several developments at the federal level may have a profound impact on the structure of operations of the entire natural gas industry in the future. Those developments include invalidation of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (FERC) Special Marketing Programs and blanket certificate program by the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit and the FERC proposed rulemaking.

Staff asserts that a generic proceeding should be initiated for the purpose of investigating and evaluating such developments and their potential relevance to natural gas transportation issues and related matters at the state level. The Commission notes that it has several dockets which pertain to voluntary transportation of natural gas as well as two dockets which pertain to mandatory transportation of natural gas.

Staff further requests the Commission to schedule an early conference to provide interested parties with an opportunity to discuss and submit recommendations regarding:

1. The specific scope of the proceeding, including a delineation of those issues and considerations which various parties believe can and should be addressed in the proceeding;

2. The various procedural avenues which should ultimately be used to address or resolve issues raised in the proceeding, including a consideration of which issues are best addressed through rulemaking procedures, generic hearings, or specific rate case hearings; and

3. An appropriate schedule of proceedings for addressing the issues raised by the parties.

The Commission determines that Staff's motion is reasonable and should be granted. The Commission further determines that Staff's proposed conference should not be scheduled until after the July 15, 1985 comment period for the FERC rulemaking has run. Said conference will be scheduled by subsequent order.

In order to allow the participation of a wide range of interested parties, the Commission is directing the Secretary of the Commission to serve a copy of this order upon each of the parties listed in Appendix A, attached hereto and incorporated by reference herein.

It is, therefore,

ORDERED: 1. That Docket No. GO-85-264 is hereby created for the investigation of developments in the transportation of natural gas and their relevance to the regulation of the natural gas corporations in Missouri.

ORDERED: 2. That the Secretary of the Commission shall serve a copy of this order and provide notice as described supra.

ORDERED: 3. That all interested parties are hereby directed to file an application to participate in the above-referenced docket on or before July 12, 1985.

ORDERED: 4. That this order shall become effective on the date hereof.

BY THE COMMISSION

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