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

In the Matter of the Application of	)	
Southern Missouri Gas Company, L.P.	)	
for Variance from the Provisions of	)	<u>Case No. GO-98-172</u>
4 CSR 240-14.020 to Extend its	)	
Conversion Plan for Natural Gas	)	
Hook-ups for Three Years.	)	

**ORDER APPROVING TARIFFS PURSUANT TO COMMISSION**  
**ORDER AND CLOSING CASE**

On October 21, 1997, Southern Missouri Gas Company, L.P. (SMGC or Company) filed an application for a variance from the provisions of Commission rule 4 CSR 240-14.020(1)(E), (F) and (H), and for an order approving SMGC's proposed conversion plan for assisting consumers to gain access to natural gas service in SMGC's service area.

On February 3, SMGC filed a Stipulation and Agreement signed by the Company and by the Staff of the Commission (Staff). The Stipulation and Agreement provides that instead of implementing the proposed modified conversion program in the application, Staff and SMGC agree that the variance from 4 CSR 240-14.020(1)(E), (F) and (H) which was originally approved by the Commission in Case No. GA-94-127 should be extended until November 15, 2000. On April 21, the Commission approved the Stipulation and Agreement and extended the variance to November 15, 2000.

On May 1, SMGC filed Revised Tariff Sheets 63, 65, and 71. The tariff sheets bear an effective date of May 15. On May 7, SMGC filed a substitute Tariff Sheet No. 71 to correct a typographical error.

On May 11, Staff filed its memorandum. In that memorandum the Staff states that it has reviewed the tariff filing, finds that it

substantially reflects the same form as those attached to the Stipulation and Agreement approved by the Commission on April 21, and recommends approval.

The Commission has reviewed the SMGC filing and the Staff memorandum and has determined that filing to be in compliance with the Commission's order of April 21. Because of an inadvertent internal processing delay, this order is being issued after the proposed effective date of the tariffs.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

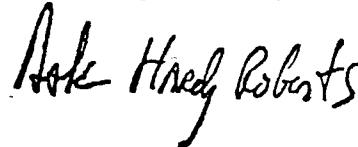
1. That the following revised tariff sheets, filed May 1, 1998, by Southern Missouri Gas Company, L.P., are hereby approved for service on or after May 15, 1998:

P.S.C. MO. No. 1

First Revised Sheet No. 63 Canceling Original Sheet No. 63  
First Revised Sheet No. 65 Canceling Original Sheet No. 65  
First Revised Sheet No. 71 Canceling Original Sheet No. 71

2. That this order shall become effective on May 19, 1998  
3. That this case may be closed after May 20, 1998.

**BY THE COMMISSION**



**Dale Hardy Roberts**  
**Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge**

(S E A L)

Lewis R. Mills, Jr., Deputy Chief Regulatory Law Judge, by delegation of authority pursuant to 4 CSR 240-2.120(1), (November 30, 1995) and Section 386.240, RSMo 1994.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,  
on this 19th day of May, 1998.

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