

In the Matter of Southern Missouri Gas)
Company's Purchased Gas Adjustment Factors) Case No. GR-97-234
to be Audited in its 1996-1997 Actual Cost)
Adjustment.)

This case was opened for the purpose of receiving the 1996-97 Purchased Gas Adjustment filings and Actual Cost Adjustment filing of Southern Missouri Gas Company (SMG or Company). On July 31, 1998, the Procurement Analysis Department of the Staff of the Commission (Staff) filed a memorandum recommending that the Commission issue an order requiring Southern Missouri Gas to adjust the firm sales ACA balance by \$219,357 from the filed under-recovery balance of \$360,090 to the Staff adjusted under-recovery balance of \$579,447. The Commission issued its Order Directing Response on September 22 directing SMG to file its response by October 22. On October 22, SMG filed its Motion for Extension of Time to File Its Response to Staff Recommendation. In support of its motion, SMG stated that Staff and SMG were engaged in settlement negotiations. On this basis, SMG requested an extension of time to respond to Staff's recommendation until November 5.

The Commission finds that it is just and proper to grant SMG's motion for extension of time to respond to SMG until November 5.

1. That the Company shall file a response to the recommendation of the Staff of the Commission no later than November 5, 1998.

2. That this order shall become effective on November 5, 1998.

BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Dale Hardy Roberts". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

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Shelly A. Register, 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 2nd day of November, 1998.