

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application of Thomas)
A. Marshall for Change of Electric Service)
Provider from SEMO Electric Cooperative to)
Sikeston Board of Municipal Utilities)

Case No. EO-2007-0309

ORDER DIRECTING FILING

Issue Date: April 11, 2007

Effective Date: April 11, 2007

On February 15, 2007,¹ Thomas A. Marshall of Sikeston, Missouri filed a verified application with the Missouri Public Service Commission for a change in electric service provider from the SEMO Electric Cooperative (“SEMO”) to the Sikeston Board of Municipal Utilities (“BMU”). On February 27, the Commission served notice of Mr. Marshall’s application on SEMO and BMU, joined them as necessary parties to this proceeding, and directed them to respond to the application by March 27. The Commission also ordered its Staff to investigate the merits of the application and to file a report concerning the results of its investigation, along with its recommendation as to whether the application should be approved or rejected, by no later than April 10.

SEMO filed its reponse on March 14. Although it acknowledged that nearly all of the factual allegations in Mr. Marshall’s application were true, SEMO opposed the application, arguing that he had “not alleged sufficient cause under the statute to support a finding that

¹ Unless otherwise specified, all dates refer to the year 2007.

a change of electric supplier at his residence is in the public interest” on the basis of something other than a rate comparison.

In its response, which was filed on March 16, BPU supported Mr. Marshall’s application. BPU admitted everything alleged in the application, stated that it had no objection to granting the relief requested therein, and averred that it was ready and able to provide electric service to Mr. Marshall’s home should his application be granted.

Staff’s report and recommendation were due on April 10. That same day, Staff filed its Request for Extension of Time to File Staff Recommendation, explaining that it needed an additional three weeks (i.e., until May 1) to “further investigate the circumstances of the application, to meet with the parties involved, to physically inspect the site, and then [prepare and] file a Report.”

Staff also indicated that it did not consult with Mr. Marshall, SEMO, or BPU before filing its request. For this reason, the Commission will afford all parties a brief opportunity to file written objections before ruling on Staff’s request.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. Any party who wishes to object to or otherwise oppose Staff’s April 10, 2007 Request for Extension of Time to File Staff Recommendation shall do so in writing by no later than April 16, 2007.

2. This order shall become effective on April 11, 2007.

BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Colleen M. Dale', written over a horizontal line.

Colleen M. Dale
Secretary

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Benjamin H. Lane, Regulatory
Law Judge, by delegation of authority
under Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 11th day of April, 2007.