

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
JEFFERSON CITY**

July 31, 2000

CASE NO: GR-2001-39

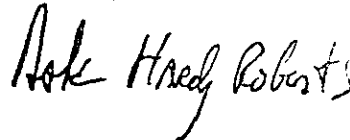
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Enclosed find certified copy of an ORDER in the above-numbered case(s).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dale Hardy Roberts", written in a cursive style.

Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In The Matter Of Southern Missouri Gas Company,)
L.P.'s Purchased Gas Adjustment Factors To Be) Case No. GR-2001-39
Reviewed In Its 1999-2000 Actual Cost Adjustment.)

ORDER APPROVING ONE TIME VARIANCE REQUEST AND INTERIM RATES

Southern Missouri Gas Company (SMGC or Company) of Mountain Grove, Missouri, filed a tariff sheet with the Commission on July 18, 2000, carrying an effective date of September 1, 2000. On July 19, 2000, SMGC filed a substitute tariff sheet to reflect the proper effective date of August 1, 2000. The tariff sheet was filed to reflect unscheduled changes in SMGC's Purchased Gas Adjustment (PGA) factors as the result of changes in the estimated cost of natural gas for the remainder of the summer season. The summer season includes the months of April through October. The net effect of these changes will increase the firm PGA factor from \$0.3645 per Ccf to \$0.4845 per Ccf for the remainder of the summer season. SMGC did not file a scheduled summer PGA filing.

In conjunction with this tariff sheet, SMGC filed a REQUEST FOR VARIANCE FROM TARIFF PROVISIONS (Motion). The Motion requests a one-time variance from the PGA Clause of SMGC's tariff due to escalations in the market price of gas since its scheduled winter PGA filing.

The Missouri Public Service Commission Staff (Staff) filed a memorandum recommending that SMGC's Motion filed on July 18, 2000, be granted and that the tariff sheet submitted on July 18, 2000, and substituted on July 19, 2000, be approved, interim subject to refund, pending final Commission decisions in Case Nos. GR-2000-288 and GR-2001-39.

The Commission has reviewed the Motion, the tariff sheet and Staff's recommendation, and finds that the Motion should be granted. After

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considering Staff's recommendation, and for good cause shown pursuant to Section 393.140(11), RSMo 1994, the Commission is of the opinion that the proposed tariff sheet, as substituted, should be approved to become effective on and after the requested effective date of August 1, 2000, interim subject to refund.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the Motion submitted on July 18, 2000, by Southern Missouri Gas Company, L.P., of Mountain Grove, Missouri, for the purpose of requesting a one-time variance from its current PGA clause to allow an unscheduled summer PGA filing be, and it is, hereby granted.

2. That the tariff sheet submitted on July 18, 2000, and substituted on July 19, 2000, by Southern Missouri Gas Company, L.P., of Mountain Grove, Missouri, for the purpose of reflecting changes in rates for natural gas be, and it is, hereby approved to become effective on and after August 1, 2000, interim subject to refund. The tariff sheet approved is:

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7th Revised Sheet No. 27 Cancelling 6th Revised Sheet No. 27

3. That this order shall become effective on August 1, 2000.

BY THE COMMISSION



Dale Hardy Roberts

Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

(S E A L)

Nancy Dippell, Senior 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 31st day of July, 2000.

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

I have compared the preceding copy with the original on file in this office and
I do hereby certify the same to be a true copy therefrom and the whole thereof.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the Public Service Commission, at Jefferson City,
Missouri, this 31st day of July 2000.

[Signature: Dale Hardy Roberts]
Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

