

**STATE OF MISSOURI  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
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**CASE NO: GR-2001-39**

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

Sincerely,

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**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	)	<b><u>Case No. GR-2001-39</u></b>
Factors to be Reviewed in Its 1999-2000	)	Tariff No. 200100459
Actual Cost Adjustment.	)	

**ORDER APPROVING ONE-TIME VARIANCES**  
**AND INTERIM RATES**

Southern Missouri Gas Company, L.P. (SMGC), filed a tariff sheet with the Commission on October 18, 2000, carrying an effective date of November 2, 2000. The tariff sheet reflects scheduled changes in SMGC's Purchased Gas Adjustment (PGA) factors as the result of changes in the cost of natural gas for the upcoming winter heating season. Additionally, the proposed tariff sheet reflects a change in SMGC's Actual Cost Adjustment (ACA) factor and the Refund factor.

SMGC also filed a motion requesting a variance from two provisions of its tariff. First, SMGC is requesting a variance from the provision of its tariff that requires the recovery of the ACA balance in a one-year period. SMGC requests that it be allowed to recover that balance over a three-year period. Second, due to the late filing of its tariff sheet, SMGC requests that the provision of its tariff that requires the PGA filing to become effective on November 1, be waived so that the tariff may become effective on November 2, 2000, as filed.

On October 23, 2000, the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission filed its Memorandum and Recommendation in this case.

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Staff recommends that SMGC's proposed tariff sheet be approved for service on and after November 2, 2000, as an interim rate, subject to refund. Staff further advises the Commission that SMGC has shown good cause such that its tariff sheet should be approved on less than 30 days notice and that the effective date of the tariff should be November 2, 2000.

The effect of the proposed tariff sheet is to increase the firm PGA factor for the 2000-2001 winter heating season to \$0.6628 per Ccf from the current PGA factor of \$0.4845 per Ccf. Staff states that SMGC's proposed PGA factor changes were calculated in conformity with SMGC's PGA clause with the exception of the requested variances. Staff further states that SMGC's PGA clause allows for 10 business days notice for filings reflecting PGA changes and that, under the circumstances, good cause exists to approve the proposed tariff sheet on less than 30 days notice. Staff recommends that the Commission approve the tariff sheet to become effective November 2, 2000, on an interim basis, subject to refund, pending a final Commission decision in SMGC's ACA case, Case No. GR-2000-288. The Staff also requested that the Commission's Procurement Analysis Department be given the time necessary to conduct its audit of the ACA period and submit its results and recommendations regarding this ACA filing on or before July 1, 2001.

The Commission has reviewed the proposed tariff sheet, the request for variances, and Staff's Memorandum and Recommendation. The Commission finds that the tariff sheet conforms to the company's Commission-approved PGA clause and is therefore reasonable. After

considering Staff's recommendation, and for good cause shown pursuant to Section 393.140(11), RSMo 1994, the Commission concludes that the proposed tariff sheet should be approved to become effective on and after the requested effective date of November 2, 2000, interim subject to refund. The Commission also determines that good cause exists to grant the request for a one-time variance to allow recovery of the ACA balance over a three-year period.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

1. That the request for one-time variances of Southern Missouri Gas Company, L.P., filed on October 18, 2000, is granted.

2. That the proposed tariff sheet filed on October 18, 2000, by Southern Missouri Gas Company, L.P., is approved on an interim basis, subject to refund, for service rendered on and after November 2, 2000. The tariff sheet approved is:

P.S.C. Mo. No. 1

8th Revised Sheet No. 27, Canceling 7th Revised Sheet No. 27

3. That the Commission's Procurement Analysis Department shall submit its results and recommendations regarding this ACA filing on or before July 1, 2001.

4. That this order shall become effective on November 2, 2000.

**BY THE COMMISSION**

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

( S E A L )

Nancy Dippell, Senior Regulatory Law  
Judge, by delegation of authority pursuant  
to Section 386.240, RSMo 1994.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,  
on this 26th day of October, 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 26<sup>th</sup> day of Oct. 2000.

Dale Hardy Roberts

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Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

