

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
JEFFERSON CITY
January 31, 2001**

CASE NO: GR-2001-388

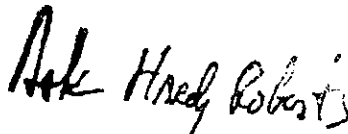
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Enclosed find certified copy of an ORDER in the above-numbered case(s).

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)	<u>Case No. GR-2001-388</u>
Factors to be Reviewed in Its 2000-2001)	Tariff No. 200100739
Actual Cost Adjustment)	

ORDER DIRECTING FILING

On January 29, 2001, the Office of the Public Counsel (Public Counsel) filed with the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission) its Request for an Emergency Actual Cost Adjustment (ACA) Review of Southern Missouri Gas Company's (SMGC) Purchasing Practices for the Winter 2000-2001 and Motion for Expedited Treatment. The Commission notes that a similar request was filed in Case No. GR-2001-382 involving the purchasing practices of Missouri Gas Energy.

In Case No. GR-2001-382, the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff) was directed to respond to Public Counsel's motion and to advise the Commission if an emergency audit is warranted prior to the time that the audit would be performed under the normal ACA process. The Commission also directed Staff to advise if such an audit would be appropriate for each natural gas distributor in the state of Missouri. Because these emergency unscheduled PGA increases will affect many Missourians, not just the residents of SMGC's service area, the Commission will direct its Staff to file a copy in this case

of its response from Case No. GR-2001-382 regarding a statewide audit of natural gas distributors.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission shall file its response as described herein on or before Friday, February 2, 2001, at 3:00 p.m.

2. That any other responses to the Office of the Public Counsel's motion for an emergency actual cost adjustment review shall be filed no later than February 5, 2001.

3. That this order shall become effective on January 31, 2001.

BY THE COMMISSION



Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

(S E A L)

Bill Hopkins, Senior Regulatory Law Judge,
by delegation of authority pursuant to
Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

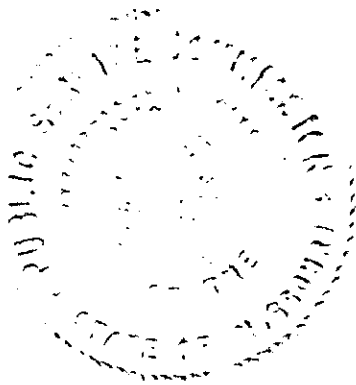
Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 31st day of January, 2001.

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 Jan. 2001.



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Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge