

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

Office of the Public Counsel,)	
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Complainant,)	
)	
v.)	Case No. GC-2006-0180
)	
Southern Missouri Gas Company, L.P.,)	
)	
Respondent.)	

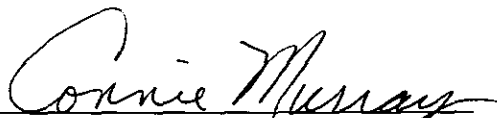
DISSENTING OPINION OF COMMISSIONER CONNIE MURRAY

I would dismiss this Complaint. SMG's natural gas purchasing practices will be thoroughly reviewed for prudence in the ACA process. Recovery of all imprudent procurement practices, if any are proven, will be disallowed at that time.

I disagree with the majority's conclusion that Rule 4 CSR 240-40.018 is more than advisory in nature. The rule provides no specificity and is entirely too vague to be enforceable.

Therefore, I respectfully dissent from today's order.

Respectfully submitted,


Connie Murray, Commissioner

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 22nd day of December, 2005.