

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

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| The Office of the Public Counsel,    | ) |                                     |
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| Complainant,                         | ) |                                     |
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| v.                                   | ) | <b><u>Case No. GC-2006-0180</u></b> |
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| Southern Missouri Gas Company, L.P., | ) |                                     |
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| Respondent.                          | ) |                                     |

**ORDER DIRECTING RESPONSE**

Issue Date: October 3, 2006

Effective Date: October 3, 2006

On April 11, 2006, the Commission approved a unanimous stipulation and agreement that resolved the Office of the Public Counsel’s complaint against Southern Missouri Gas Company, L.P. That stipulation and agreement requires Southern Missouri Gas to file, and periodically update, an annual gas supply plan. Paragraph 3j of the stipulation and agreement establishes a process whereby Public Counsel and the Commission’s Staff may offer informal comments regarding Southern Missouri Gas’ gas supply plan and the updates to that plan.

On September 26, Staff filed a response to Southern Missouri Gas’ September 5 update to its April 1, 2006 Gas Supply Plan.<sup>1</sup> Staff’s memorandum, attached to its response, offered three comments suggesting ways in which Southern Missouri Gas could clarify its plan. In the “wherefore” clause of the cover pleading of its response, Staff asked

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<sup>1</sup> The stipulation and agreement does not require Staff to formally file its comments in the case.

the Commission to “order the Company to respond to Staff’s comments within thirty (30) days.”

The Commission will require Southern Missouri Gas to respond to the informal comments offered by Staff within twenty days. That response shall be provided directly to Staff and need not be filed in this case.

**IT IS ORDERED THAT:**

1. Southern Missouri Gas Company, L.P. shall respond to Staff’s comments no later than October 16, 2006.
2. This order shall become effective on October 3, 2006.

**BY THE COMMISSION**



Colleen M. Dale  
Secretary

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Morris L. Woodruff, Deputy Chief Regulatory Law  
Judge, by delegation of authority pursuant to  
Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,  
on this 3rd day of October, 2006.