

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

Missouri Propane Gas Association	)	
	)	
Complainant,	)	
	)	
v.	)	File No. GC-2016-0083
	)	
Summit Natural Gas of Missouri, Inc.	)	
312 East Capital Avenue	)	
Jefferson City, MO 65101	)	
	)	
CERTIFIED MAIL	)	
	)	
Respondent.	)	

**NOTICE OF CONTESTED CASE AND ORDER DIRECTING FILING**

Issue Date: October 5, 2015

Effective Date: October 5, 2015

The Commission is giving notice of a complaint and contested case, directing the respondent to file an answer,<sup>1</sup> and directing its Staff to investigate and report on the subject of the complaint.<sup>2</sup>

On October 2, 2015, the Commission received the complaint, a copy of which is attached. The filing of a complaint requires the Commission to set a hearing.<sup>3</sup> The requirement of a hearing on matters in the complaint signifies a contested case.<sup>4</sup> A contested case is a formal hearing procedure, but it allows for waiver of procedural formalities and a decision without a hearing,<sup>5</sup> including by stipulation and agreement.<sup>6</sup> The Commission's regulations on discovery are at 4 CSR 240-2.090.

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<sup>1</sup> 4 CSR 240-2.070(8) and (9).

<sup>2</sup> 4 CSR 240-2.070(11).

<sup>3</sup> Section 386.390.5, RSMo 2000.

<sup>4</sup> Section 536.010(4), RSMo Supp. 2013.

<sup>5</sup> Section 536.060, RSMo 2000.

As an alternative to the formal evidentiary hearing procedure, the Commission offers mediation. Mediation is a voluntary process in which a neutral person assists the parties in exploring opportunities for settlement. Upon a request for mediation, the Commission may suspend the schedule set forth in this order.

**THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:**

1. Respondent shall file an answer to the complaint no later than November 4, 2015.
2. The Commission's staff shall file a report as described in the body of this order no later than November 18, 2015.
3. This order shall be effective when issued.



**BY THE COMMISSION**

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Morris L. Woodruff".

Morris L. Woodruff  
Secretary

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

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,  
on this 5<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2015.

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<sup>6</sup> 4 CSR 240-2.115.