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CASE NO. GR-2014-0086

DIRECT TESTIMONY

OF

LOUIE R. ERVIN SR.

ON BEHALF OF

MISSOURI SCHOOL BOARDS' ASSOCIATION

Jefferson City, Missouri May 30, 2014

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3		LOUIE R. ERVIN SR.
4		MISSOURI SCHOOL BOARDS' ASSOCIATION
5		CASE NO. GR-2014-0086
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7	Q.	Please state your name and business address.
8	А.	Louie R. Ervin, Sr., Suite 300, 150 First Avenue NE, Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52401
9	Q.	On whose behalf is your testimony presented?
10	А.	The Missouri School Boards' Association (MSBA).
11	Q.	By whom and in what capacity are you employed?
12	А.	I am Executive Vice President of Latham and Associates, an independent energy
13	consulting fi	rm.
14	Q.	Will you briefly describe Latham and Associates?
15	А.	Latham & Associates (L&A) is an independent energy advisor. We are not an
16	affiliate of a	ny utility, energy marketer, broker or pipeline. Among our client base are education
17	institutions,	municipal utilities, rural electric cooperatives, industrials and commercial
18	enterprises.	Over that past sixteen years, our firm has advised statewide school aggregate natural
19	gas and elect	tric programs in Missouri, Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Nebraska and Kansas.
20	Q.	Please state your educational and relevant background business experience.
21	A.	More detailed information is provided in Appendix A. I have B.S. and M.S.
22	engineering	degrees from the University of Missouri-Columbia, and an MBA from the
23	University o	f Iowa. I have over twenty five years of experience with Missouri, Louisiana and

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Iowa utilities as well as sixteen years of energy consulting experience. My primary
 responsibilities have been rates, regulations, contracts and operations.

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Q. Have you testified before courts, legislatures, and regulatory bodies?

A. Yes, I have testified before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, the
Missouri Public Service Commission, the Illinois Commerce Commission, the Iowa Utilities
Board, the Iowa legislature and various state and federal courts.

Q. Are you the same Louie R. Ervin who has testified before this Commission in the original gas corporation cases held to implement Section 393.310 RSMo as it relates to the aggregate purchasing and transportation of natural gas by Missouri school districts?

10 A. Yes. In the late 1990's and early 2000, I drafted language which ultimately 11 became Section 393.310 RSMo, and I testified regarding its implementation. I have represented 12 the MSBA in rate cases and negotiated settlements with Missouri's investor-owned natural gas 13 utilities, which this Commission approved.

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What is your current relationship to MSBA?

A. My firm is advisor to MSBA on technical and rate matters relating to natural gas
 transportation and I have served as an expert witness in many cases before the Missouri Public
 Service Commission.

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Q. Will you briefly describe MSBA and its interest in this case?

A. MSBA's membership consists of approximately 400 public school districts with approximately 2,000 individual school locations. MSBA is a not-for-profit corporation which serves as a trade association for its member school districts. The MSBA has sponsored an aggregate natural gas purchasing program for Missouri schools since 1999. MSBA achieved passage of legislation to allow Missouri schools to aggregate purchases and transportation of

natural gas which is codified as Section 393.310 of the RSMo. A number of schools in MSBA's program purchase natural gas distribution delivery services, or transportation, from Summit Natural Gas ("SNG") for delivery of third-party competitive commodity natural gas supply. As sponsor, MSBA, in conjunction with its third party administrator and advisor, manages the contractual relationships with utilities and suppliers to transport natural gas to approximately 256 Missouri school districts with annual consumption of approximately 32,000,000 therms.

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Q.

What is the scope of this testimony filing?

A. The purpose of my testimony is to point out inequities in SNG's proposed transportation tariff rate schedule applicable to schools and needed tariff clarifications and Commission directives to correct those inequities. My testimony does not directly address the cost of service or revenue requirement determinants, but I believe it is appropriate to file my testimony at this time because the issues I raise could affect the allocation of the overall revenue requirement among rate classes and ultimately rate design.

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Q. What is the purpose of this testimony filing?

A. Absent a standalone school aggregation rate schedule containing all rates, charges, terms and conditions, rather than referencing to other rate sheets, clarifying language needs to be made to the SNG's rate schedules as they relate to school natural gas aggregation. Those tariff sheets needing clarifying language added are Original Sheet No. 45, Original Sheet No. 46, and Original Sheet No. 49, all part of Missouri School Program Transportation Service Rate Schedule.

21 Q. What clarifying language do you recommend be made to the tariff rate 22 schedule?

A. The following clarifying language additions are needed to Missouri School
 Program Transportation Service Rate Schedule:

1. At the beginning of Paragraph 2.a. on tariff sheet Original Sheet No. 45, add clarifying definition language: "For purposes of the Missouri School Program, "Shipper", "Participant", "School District" and "Customer" have the same meaning."

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Because Section 393.310 RSMo prohibits requiring telemetry or
special meters for eligible school entities, at the end of Paragraph 2.e. on Original
Sheet No. 46, add clarifying language: "Because not all schools have daily
telemetry, for purposes of the Missouri School Program, school imbalances will
be cashed out in Tier-1."

12 3. To make clear that SNG's interruption policy regarding constrains on its delivery system does not discriminate between schools taking SNG supply 13 or third-party supply, add clarifying language at the end of Paragraph 9, Original 14 15 Sheet No. 49: "For purposes of the Missouri School Program, interruption, curtailment or forced reduction of delivery services to schools receiving third-16 party transported commodity supply will have the same priority and will be 17 handled in the same manner as interruptions would be for those same schools had 18 the schools been purchasing Company's commodity supply." 19

20Q.Does the Company agree that for purposes of the Missouri School Program,21"Shipper", "Participant", "School District" and "Customer" have the same meaning?

A. Yes, it appears that the Company agrees that "Shipper", "Participant", "School District" and "Customer" all have the same meaning for purposes of the Missouri School

2 responses to MSBA Data Requests No 38a. Q. Does the Company agree that because not all schools have daily telemetry, 3 for purposes of the Missouri School Program, school imbalances will be cashed out in Tier-4 1? 5 6 Α, Yes, it appears that the Company agrees that because not all schools have daily 7 telemetry, for purposes of the Missouri School Program, school imbalances will be cashed out in 8 Tier-1, as evidenced by Company filing in Appendix C, which consists of Company's responses 9 to MSBA Data Requests Nos. 37 a and c. 10 0. Does Section 393.310 RSMo prohibit costly special daily metering and telemetry for schools that participate in the Missouri School Program? 11 12 A. Yes, 393.310 RSMo prohibits requiring schools to have telemetry or special metering. Section 393.310 RSMo states: "4. (3) Not require telemetry or special metering, except 13 14 for individual school meters over one hundred thousand therms annually. 15 **O**. Does the Company agree that schools in the Missouri Transportation Program are not required to have telemetry or special metering? 16 Yes, it appears that the Company does not require Missouri Transportation School 17 A. 18 Program participants to have telemetry or special metering, as evidenced by Appendix C which 19 consists of Company Responses to MSBA's Data Requests Nos. 37a and c, which was earlier 20 referenced. 21 **O**. Do any of the schools on the SNG system that participate in the Missouri 22 School program use over one hundred thousand therms annually?

Program as evidenced by Company filing in Appendix B, which consists of Company's

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1 A. No. Therefore, the "one-size-fits" all monthly charge for all transport customers, 2 schools or non-schools, does not accurately reflect costs for schools that do not have special 3 daily metering and telemetry.

Q. Does the Company agree that for purposes of the Missouri School Program, interruption, curtailment or forced reduction of delivery services to schools receiving thirdparty transported commodity supply will have the same priority and will be handled in the same manner as interruptions would be for those same schools had the schools been purchasing Company's commodity supply?

A. No, it appears that the Company does not agree with MSBA's position on the priority of interruptions as evidenced by Appendix D, which is Company's response to MSBA Data Request No. 12 and states: "Company policy aligns with the tariff basically stating the retailed bundled service customers have preference because the tariff requires it." Therefore, a change in the tariff is necessary to eliminate this discriminatory practice, which we have not experienced with any other of multiple Midwestern utilities with which we actively advise school natural gas aggregation programs, including other Missouri utilities.

Q. What evidence do you present that demonstrates that the Company places a lower priority on schools just because they transport?

A. Appendix E is presented and consists of Company's responses to MSBA Data Requests Nos. 8 and 9. These responses clearly state that the Company offers firm delivery service to its bundled retail customers but does not offer firm delivery service to its transport customers. This practice is discriminatory in that the same school will be subject to interruption if they transport third-party supply but will not be interrupted if they purchase Company's supply.

Q. 1 If the Commission orders these clarifications be added to Company's 2 Missouri School Program rate schedule, do you believe the Company's rate schedule 3 language will be consistent with the intent of Section 393.310 RSMo? Yes, with three more exceptions. 4 A. What other issues does MSBA want the Commission to address? 5 О. 6 MSBA asks that the Commission address the Cashout Price Determinate for Α. 7 Transportation Service (TS), the Customer Charge for Transportation Service (TS) on Original Sheet No. 29 and the Pool Operator monthly charge. 8 9 Q. What is the issue regarding the Cashout Price Determinate for 10 Transportation Service (TS) on Original Sheet No. 36. Α. The Company proposes to use the lowest of three price determinates when 11 crediting Shipper for imbalances that are over deliveries to the Company and the highest price 12 when charging Shipper for imbalances there are under deliveries. Aside from the punitive nature 13 of the proposed Cashout, the third price determinate, "Currently in effect Purchase Gas 14 Adjustment (PGA)," is inappropriate. 15 In what way is the "Currently in effect Purchase Gas Adjustment (PGA)" 16 **Q**. inappropriate for a Cashout price determinate? 17 Α. As set forth on Original Sheets No. 50 through No. 59, it is clear that the current 18 month PGA is based on gas cost estimates that are not associated with the month in which the 19 20 imbalances occurred that are being cashed out. The current PGA is designed for retail sales

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service customers and not transportation customers and it is a 12-month cost estimate or an

annual average estimate of costs that has no relationship to actual individual monthly costs

associated with imbalances. Per SNG's proposed tariff, the Company can file up to four (4) PGA

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filings per year, a required Winter PGA and three (3) Optional PGAs, which do not match the month in which an imbalance occurs. The PGA can include costs such as gas purchases under fixed-price contracts, Company's use of financial instruments, except call options for which only cost reductions are expected, all of which are inappropriate for individual monthly Cashouts for transportation customers. PGAs also contain out of period annual adjustments per the Actual Cost Adjustment (ACA), which includes interest for the prior year, which also has no relationship to imbalance cashouts.

8 Q. Are there operating reasons why the Company's proposed Cashout should 9 be modified?

10 Yes. It has not been uncommon, particularly during summer months when the Α. Company is making storage injections, for the Company to reduce the nominated deliveries 11 made by MSBA's Pool Operator, which is a Company-caused imbalance. The Company practice 12 of reducing school transport commodity deliveries in favor of receiving its own commodity 13 14 deliveries is discriminatory. Despite the transporting school having its own pipeline capacity, they are treated with less priority than the same schools would be treated if they did not transport 15 third-party supply but instead purchased Company's commodity. As a result, the transporting 16 17 schools are prevented from fully utilizing pipeline capacity for which they pay full pipeline tariff 18 rates. Although schools pay full cost of service rates for use of the Company's delivery system, when school chose transport service over Company commodity supply they are penalized. The 19 20 penalty is in the form of increased imbalances at punitive cashout prices when those imbalances were, at least in part, created by the Company placing a higher priority on sales service supply 21 and curtailing MSBA commodity deliveries. 22

1 Q. What action do you recommend the Commission take with regard to the 2 Cashout price determinates?

3 А. For the foregoing reasons, I recommend that the Commission approve two of the 4 Company's proposed price determinates, "Beginning Storage Weighted Average Cost of Gas 5 (WACOG) as calculated by Company for the Delivery Month" and "Actual Purchase WACOG for the Delivery Month as calculated by the Company," but reject the third price determinate, 6 7 "Currently in effect Purchase Gas Adjustment (PGA)." This recommendation will allow 8 Company to still charge the lowest price of the first two price determinates when crediting for 9 over deliveries and the highest of the two price determinates when charging for under deliveries when cashing out imbalances for each month in which the imbalances occurred. 10 I also recommend that the Commission order the Company to treat delivery of commodity supply for 11 12 schools the same whether they receive Company commodity supply or third-party transported 13 commodity supply.

14 Q. What is the issue regarding the monthly Customer Charge applicable to 15 school districts that transport under the Missouri School Program?

A. Rate shock will occur to schools in the aggregation program if the Company's monthly charge per district is increased from \$50 per month per school district to \$300 per month, a six fold increase. Because most schools on the SNG system are in small communities and rural areas with smaller usage, the fixed monthly charge is a substantial component in these schools overall costs, particularly during non-heating low usage months.

A. Substantially, the monthly charge is intended to recover increased costs for Company's special daily metering and telemetry.

What Company costs are intended to be recovered in the monthly charge?

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Q. What monthly school administrative and aggregation charge do you propose
 the Commission order?

A. I recommend that the Commission order the \$50.00 per district per month charged by SNG for Missouri School Program transportation services be increased by the same percentage that is approved by the Commission for customer charges for the retail Commercial rate schedule.

Q. What is MSBA's position on SNG's proposed Pool Operator monthly charge
of \$250.00 per month?

The proposed Pool Operator monthly charge of \$250 per month should be replaced 9 Α. with an administration and balancing charge of \$0.004 per therm directly in the Missouri School 10 Program rate schedule rather via a charge included in a Pool Operator agreement. The Pool 11 Operator monthly charge is intended to recover Company's costs for administering the Missouri 12 School Program and it is duplicative of the \$0.004/therm charge prescribed in Section 393.310 13 RSMo for administration and balancing services. Naturally, the Pool Operator passes the Pool 14 Operator charge on to schools; so, it would be more efficient and in keeping with Section 15 16 393.310 RSMo, if the Commission orders the Pool Operator monthly charge be replaced with an 17 administration and balancing charge of \$0.004 per therm.

Q. Do any other Missouri gas utilities charge a monthly Pool Operator Charge
to the schools?

20 A. No, not to my knowledge.

21 Q. Does Section 393.310 RSMo speak to the \$0.004 per therm charge?

22 A. Yes, Section 393.310 RSMo states:

"5. (2) Provide for the resale of such natural gas supplies, including related
transportation service costs, to the eligible school entities at the gas
corporation's cost of purchasing of such gas supplies and transportation,
plus all applicable distribution costs, plus an aggregation and balancing
fee to be determined by the commission, not to exceed four-tenths of one
cent per therm delivered during the first year;"

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Does this conclude your direct testimony?

A. Yes, it does.

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BEFORE THE MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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In the Matter of Summit Natural Gas of Missouri, Inc.'s Filing of Revised Tariffs To Increase its Annual Revenues for Natural Gas Service

Case No. GR-2014-0086

AFFIDAVIT OF LOUIE R. ERVIN SR.

STATE OF IOWA)
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COUNTY OF LINN)

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Louie R. Ervin Sr., being first duly sworn on his oath, states:

1. My name is Louie R. Ervin Sr. I work in Cedar Rapids, Iowa and am employed by Latham & Associates as the Executive Vice President.

2. Attached hereto and made a part of hereof for all purposes is my Direct Testimony on behalf of Missouri School Board's Association consisting of 13 pages, all of which have been prepared in written form for introduction into evidence in the above-referenced docket.

3. I hereby swear and affirm that my answers contained in the questions therein propounded are true and correct.

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Louie R. Ervin Sr.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 23^{-2}	day of <u>Man</u> , 2014.
My commission expires	Notary Public Notary Public Notary Public ISAN J MO Southerstown Southerstown ISAN J MO Notary Notar

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Appendix A Issue: Revised Tariffs To Increase Annual Revenues for Natural Gas Service Witness: Louie R. Ervin Sr. Sponsoring Party: Missouri School Boards' Association Case No.: GR-2014-0086 Date: May 30, 2014

MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

CASE NO. GR-2014-0086

APPENDIX A

LOUIE R. ERVIN SR. RESUME

ON BEHALF OF

MISSOURI SCHOOL BOARDS' ASSOCIATION

Jefferson City, Missouri May 30, 2014



RESUME OF PRINCIPAL

Louie R. Ervin, P.E.

Office - Latham & Associates, Inc. 150 First Avenue NE, Suite 300 Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52401-1110 Phone: 319-365-6488 Fax: 319-365-7086 E-mail: ErvinLR@qwestoffice.net

INDUSTRY EXPERIENCE:

- Executive Vice President of Latham & Associates, Inc.
- Licensed Professional Engineer
- Expert witness in federal anti-trust case involving wholesale electric wheeling. Expert witness in Louisiana district court involving wholesale/retail wheeling and potential power sales. In-house expert witness in electric, gas and water rate cases before Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Missouri Public Service Commission and Iowa Utilities Board.
- Responsible for clients representing over 500 mW of electrical load
- Advisor for implementation and operation of multiple aggregate energy purchasing consortiums in Illinois, Iowa, Nebraska, Missouri and Wisconsin.
- Perform engineering and economic generation analysis for industrial and municipal clients.
- Analysis and development of retail electric revenue requirements and rate design for municipal utilities. Develop real time wholesale tariffs for municipal cooperatives.
- Develop energy strategy for industrial and municipal clients.
- Directed a study of the economic impact of Divestiture of IES Utilities Gas Business as part of the Securities and Exchange Commission's merger requirements.
- Past Board Director, Iowan's for Choice in Electricity
- Responsible for construction of transmission and substation facilities
- Responsible for management of Environmental, Substation Maintenance, Relaying, Metering, Communications and Electric Equipment Repair for large Investor Owned Utility.
- Directed electric operations for Lafayette Utilities System, including 360 mW of natural gas fired steam turbine generation and over sight of 50% ownership in a 560 mW coal plant.
- Performed consultant/agent functions for 40 municipal and REC utilities in Louisiana and Iowa in the area of energy supply.
- Responsible for power supply, marketing, cogeneration, transmission, distribution, field and commercial operations, stores, transportation, system protection, rates and environmental.
- Primary responsibility for integrating the system and personnel following a \$63 million acquisition of an electric utility service territory.
- Negotiated power, steam and natural gas contracts for sales of over \$250 million.

Latham & Associates



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Louie R. Ervin Resume Page 2

- Received <u>Gas Industries</u> magazine 1993 Outstanding Manager of the Year Award for directing a \$25,000,000 three-year project, installing over 500 miles of pipe for 52 towns
- Served on Oversight Teams for Information Systems, Integrated Resource Planning, Economic Development and Environmental

EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL:

- BS & MS Electrical Engineering University of Missouri (with honors)
- MBA University of Iowa (with highest honors)
- Public Utility Executive Program University of Michigan
- Edison Electric Institute Rate Program Indiana University
- Licensed Professional Engineer
- Academic Honor Societies: Beta Gamma Sigma, Tau Beta Pi, and Eta Kappa Nu
- Past Chair of Missouri Valley Electric Association's Rates and Marketing Committee
- Past member of Southwest Power Pool's Operations Committee
- Member of Mid-continent Area Power Pool's Environmental Committee
- Representative to Midwest Ozone Transport Group
- Past member of Edison Electric Institutes' Metering Committee
- Member of Edison Electric's Environmental Committee

EMPLOYMENT:

- Executive Vice President, Latham & Associates, Inc. July, 1996 present
- Adjunct Professor, Business Policy/Strategic Management University of Iowa 1993-1999
- IES Utilities Company 1985 -1996:

Director- Environmental, Industrial Applications & Maintenance Engineering - 8/95
Director- Industrial Applications and Maintenance Engineering - 1/95
Director - Operations Planning & Development -1994
Director - Operations Services and District Manager - 1993
Manager - Gas Operations & District Manager - 1991
Manager - Eastern District - 1989
Manager - Rates & Contracts - 1987
Manager - Rates - 1985

- Lafayette Utilities System Lafayette, Louisiana: Associate Director - Generation, Engineering & Operations - 1984 Associate Director - Power Development & Sales - 1983
- Missouri Utilities Company 1971

ACTIVITIES:

- Board Chair of Aging Services, Inc.
- Member Robins, IA Planning and Zoning Commission
- Board member of Chamber and Economic Development Corporation
- Board member of Cedar River Shelters
- Trustee of St. Paul's United Methodist Church
- Family activities, including golf, canoeing and grandchildren

Appendix B Issue: Revised Tariffs To Increase Annual Revenues for Natural Gas Service Witness: Louie R. Ervin Sr. Sponsoring Party: Missouri School Boards' Association Case No.: GR-2014-0086 Date: May 30, 2014

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APPENDIX B

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DATA REQUEST #38 RESPONSE

ON BEHALF OF

MISSOURI SCHOOL BOARDS' ASSOCIATION

Jefferson City, Missouri May 30, 2014

Missouri School Board Association

Data Request

Data Request No.	38
Company Name	Summit Natural Gas of Missouri, Inc.
Case/Tracking No.	GR-2014-0086
Date Requested	4/28/2014
Requested From	Dean Cooper/Summit Natural Gas of Missouri, Inc. (the "Company")
Requested By	Richard S. Brownlee III, Louie Ervin/Missouri School Board's Association ("MSBA")
Description	 Reference Moorman direct testimony beginning at Page 16, line 16 and proposed tariff. a. Regarding Sheet No. Paragraph 45; does "Shipper" also mean customer and school district? b. Has the company previously provided advance monthly forecasts to the Pool Operator for the transporting schools? c. Is the Company now proposing to place that advance forecasting responsibility on the Shipper and can the Pool Operator, as agent for the transporting schools, perform that forecasting function for the Shipper, per Paragraph 2.e?
Due Date	5/14/2014
Security	Public

RESPONSE:

(a)We assume the proposed tariff reference in the request is Sheet 45 rather than Paragraph 45. Yes.

(b)No.

(c)Yes

Response Provided by: Kent Taylor

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1 maintaining service.

Changes to balancing provisions, including a tiered cash-out
 provision. The imbalance tiers are set in five percent increments with
 determinants based on beginning storage weighted average cost of gas
 ("WACOG"), actual purchase WACOG, and the Purchase Gas Adjustment (PGA)
 in effect at that time. The new tariff language includes formulas for calculating
 positive and negative imbalances.

Revisions to the scheduling and nominations sections of the
 transportation tariff in order to make the process more consistent with those of
 pipeline suppliers.

11 • The removal of the billing service option.

In addition to these, revisions have also been proposed to the Missouri School
 Program Transportation Rate Schedule (Sheet Nos.45 - 49, P.S.C. MO No. 3).

14 Q. WHY ARE CHANGES TO THE MISSOURI SCHOOL PROGRAM BEING
 15 PROPOSED?

A. The Company agreed in Case No. GR-2012-0123 to work with Staff on revising
 these terms.

18 Q. WHAT CHANGES TO THE PROGRAM ARE BEING PROPOSED?

A. The Company is proposing to remove the term "Pilot" from the title of all school
 aggregation tariff sheets, as the Company no longer views this as an experimental
 tariff rate as it has been in place for several years. Other proposed changes
 include general clean-up of the language in the availability section, and revisions

Appendix C Issue: Revised Tariffs To Increase Annual Revenues for Natural Gas Service Witness: Louie R. Ervin Sr. Sponsoring Party: Missouri School Boards' Association Case No.: GR-2014-0086 Date: May 30, 2014

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APPENDIX C

DATA REQUEST #37 RESPONSE

ON BEHALF OF

MISSOURI SCHOOL BOARDS' ASSOCIATION

Jefferson City, Missouri May 30, 2014

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Missouri School Board Association

<u>Data Request</u>

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Data Request No.	37
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Date Requested	4/28/2014
Requested From	Dean Cooper/Summit Natural Gas of Missouri, Inc. (the "Company")
Requested By	Richard S. Brownlee III, Louie Ervin/Missouri School Board's Association ("MSBA")
Description	 Reference Moorman direct testimony page 15 beginning at line 25. a. Is company proposing that transporting schools be required to have daily telemetry? b. If telemetry is proposed as a requirement for transporting schools, provide the statutory basis for such. c. If daily telemetry is not proposed as a requirement for transporting schools but instead have monthly metering, are the proposed imbalance cashout provisions per Original Sheet No. 36 limited for school districts to Tier 1 for both positive and negative imbalances? d. When negative imbalances are incurred, does the Company provide the imbalance volumes from storage and/or purchases during the month incurred? e. When positive/negative imbalance volumes into storage and/or provide it to sales customers during the month incurred? f. When positive/negative imbalance volumes are incurred, are the volumes injected into/withdraw from storage or provided to or made up from sales service supply? If yes, then explain why there is a need for the "Currently in effect Purchase Gas Adjustment (PGA) to be applicable to schools for the Cashout Price Determinant? g. Does the PGA have any components that are not actual costs for the month in which an imbalance is incurred? If yes, what are those cost components and why would out-of- month costs be applicable to the monthly imbalances in the month in which they are created? h. Would the Company agree to eliminate the PGA as a possible third Cashout Price Determinant? If not, explain when and under what conditions it would be applicable.
Due Date	5/14/2014
Security	Public

RESPONSE:

(a)No

(b) not applicable

(c) Due to the non-telemetered nature of MSBA's participating schools, the Tier 1 Cashout limits for MSBA is the intended practice and is made available via Sheet No. 37 which states "Company reserves the right to, and at its sole discretion, enter into separate Imbalance Agreements with Shipper(s) that take into consideration special circumstances". As such, a separate Imbalance Agreement should be established between the Company and MSBA reflecting this Tier 1 limitation.

(d) – (f) MSBA's, along with its other Shippers' imbalances, whether positive or negative, are absorbed within the Company's overall imbalance with the upstream pipeline. As such, the Company's ongoing efforts to manage its own imbalance may determine the use of storage injections/withdrawals and/or gas supply procurement decisions. Also, the currently effective PGA may be considered a Cashout Price Determinant to the extent Company's Sales Customers are minimally kept whole from any Shipper's (including MSBA's) imbalance management activity.

(g) No

(h) Company desires to maintain the PGA as a possible Cashout Price determinant as described in the last sentence of the (d) - (f) response above.

Response Provided by: Renato Nitura

Appendix D Issue: Revised Tariffs To Increase Annual Revenues for Natural Gas Service Witness: Louie R. Ervin Sr. Sponsoring Party: Missouri School Boards' Association Case No.: GR-2014-0086 Date: May 30, 2014

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APPENDIX D

DATA REQUEST #12 RESPONSE

ON BEHALF OF

MISSOURI SCHOOL BOARDS' ASSOCIATION

Jefferson City, Missouri May 30, 2014

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Missouri School Board Association

<u>Data Request</u>

Data Request No.	12
Company Name	Summit Natural Gas of Missouri, Inc.
Case/Tracking No.	GR-2014-0086
Date Requested	4/24/2014
Requested From	Dean Cooper/Summit Natural Gas of Missouri, Inc. (the "Company")
Requested By	Richard S. Brownlee III, Louie Ervin/Missouri School Board's Association ("MSBA")
Description	Provide the Company policy on interruptions, specifically related to whether distribution delivery to transport customers and retail bundled service customers differ?
Due Date Security	5/14/2014 Public

RESPONSE:

Company policy aligns with the tariff basically stating that the retailed bundled service customers have preference because the tariff requires it.

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Response Provided by: Dave Moody

Appendix E Issue: Revised Tariffs To Increase Annual Revenues for Natural Gas Service Witness: Louie R. Ervin Sr. Sponsoring Party: Missouri School Boards' Association Case No.: GR-2014-0086 Date: May 30, 2014

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APPENDIX E

DATA REQUESTS #8 & #9

RESPONSE

ON BEHALF OF

MISSOURI SCHOOL BOARDS' ASSOCIATION

Jefferson City, Missouri May 30, 2014

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Missouri School Board Association

<u>Data Request</u>

Data Request No.	8
Company Name	Summit Natural Gas of Missouri, Inc.
Case/Tracking No.	GR-2014-0086
Date Requested	4/24/2014
Requested From	Dean Cooper/Summit Natural Gas of Missouri, Inc. (the "Company")
Requested By	Richard S. Brownlee III, Louie Ervin/Missouri School Board's Association ("MSBA")
Description	Does the Company offer firm delivery service to its bundled retail customers?
Due Date	5/14/2014
Security	Public
RESPONSE:	

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Yes.

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Response Provided by: Martha Wankum

Missouri School Board Association

<u>Data Request</u>

Data Request No.	9
Company Name	Summit Natural Gas of Missouri, Inc.
Case/Tracking No.	GR-2014-0086
Date Requested	4/24/2014
Requested From	Dean Cooper/Summit Natural Gas of Missouri, Inc. (the "Company")
Requested By	Richard S. Brownlee III, Louie Ervin/Missouri School Board's Association ("MSBA")
Description	Does the Company offer firm delivery service to its transport customers?
Due Date	5/14/2014
Security	Public

RESPONSE:

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Response Provided by: Martha Wankum