

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

In the Matter of the Application of Summit Natural Gas)
Of Missouri Inc., for Permission and Approval and a)
Certificate of Convenience and Necessity to Construct,)
Install, Own, Operate, Maintain, and Otherwise Control) **File No. GA-2017-0016**
And Manage a Natural Gas Distribution System to)
Provide Gas Service in Various Counties as an)
Expansion of its Existing Certificated Areas.)

STATUS REPORT

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission and, as the Commission directed in its August 29¹ *Order Setting Deadline for Filing*, files this status report and in support states as follows:

1. On July 22, 2016, Staff submitted its initial data requests to Summit Natural Gas of Missouri, Inc. (“Summit” or “Applicant”) in this matter, responses to which were due on August 11. On August 2, Applicant requested until August 22 to respond to the initial data requests. Staff also submitted data requests to Applicant on July 29 and August 1.
2. On August 10, Applicant filed a Motion for Leave to Amend Application and three amended appendices which changed the areas for which Applicant seeks a certificate in this case and the estimated revenues associated with the requested areas.
3. On August 29, Staff filed its Status Report indicating that its investigation was still in progress.
4. Applicant did not file a complete feasibility study with either its original or amended certificate request, and has sought a waiver from such filing requirement.

¹ All dates referred to herein occur in the year 2016.

5. On September 21, Staff submitted an additional round of data requests, and will require time to receive and review those responses before completing its recommendation.

6. For the foregoing reasons, Staff is unable to file a recommendation on Summit's application at this time, and is submitting this status report pursuant to the Commission's Order dated August 29. Staff is in the process of seeking further discovery from the Applicant and depending upon the progress of discovery in this matter, Staff intends to file a recommendation on Summit's application or a further status report not later than October 31.

WHEREFORE, Staff respectfully submits this status report and requests the Commission issue an order allowing it to file either a recommendation or further status report no later than October 31, 2016.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed or hand-delivered, transmitted by facsimile or electronically mailed to all counsel of record on this 23rd day of September, 2016.

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