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 And Manage a Natural Gas Distribution System to Provide Gas Service in Various Counties as an Expansion of its Existing Certificated Areas.

File No. GA-2017-0016

STAFF RESPONSE TO MOTION FOR LEAVE TO AMEND APPLICATION

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission and, in response to the applicant's *Motion for Leave to Amend Application*, states that while Staff has no objection to the applicant's amended application in form, Staff reserves the right to comment to the substance of the amended application, and specifically the necessity of a feasibility study, in its recommendation as directed by the Commission. Staff intends to abide by the Commission's previously stated deadline to file either a status report or a recommendation not later than August 29, 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 10th day of August, 2016.

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