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

In the Matter of Summit Natural Gas of )	
Missouri, Inc.'s Changes to the	Case No. GR-2022-0122
Company's Purchase Gas Adjustment )	
'PGA" Clause	

### STIPULATION AND AGREEMENT

**COME NOW** Summit Natural Gas of Missouri, Inc. (SNGMO) and the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff), by and through counsel, and submit the following Stipulation and Agreement (Agreement), which resolves all outstanding issues in this matter, for the Commission's approval:

- 1. This matter originated on November 4, 2021, when SNGMO made its ACA filings for the 2020-2021 ACA period.
- 2. On December 14, 2022, the Staff filed its recommendations regarding the Summit Natural Gas of Missouri, Inc. 2020-2021 Actual Cost Adjustment ("ACA") filings. The Staff Recommendation set out the results of Staff's audit of the billed revenues and actual gas costs for the period September 1, 2020 to August 31, 2021, included in the Company's 2020-2021 ACA filings.
- 3. Staff recommended adjustments to the Company's filed ACA balances to reflect its view of the actual billed revenues, less natural gas costs, for the period under review. SNGMO responded to Staff's recommended disallowances on January 18, 2023, and identified its disagreement with certain of the Staff proposed adjustments. The Commission granted the parties additional time to discuss the issues.
- 4. SNGMO and Staff have discussed the matters and have arrived at this Agreement. Pursuant to the Agreement, SNGMO agrees to adjust ACA account balances

as identified in **Appendix A**. The Agreement resolves all the outstanding issues in this matter.

- 5. Additionally, the Company agrees to conduct an internal audit of the billing accuracy of its large volume costumer meters. Such audit will be limited to the Company's aggregated and manually read meters, along with meters whose readings are collected through its FlowCal system. The Company agrees to complete this audit and provide the result to Staff by March 31, 2024. Billing adjustments impacting PGA costs will be updated as part of the Company's future ACA filings, subject to review.
- 6. The Office of the Public Counsel (OPC) has reviewed this Agreement and has confirmed with counsel for SNGMO and Staff that the OPC does not object to the Agreement.

#### **General Provisions**

- 7. This Agreement is being entered into solely for the purpose of settling the issues in this case. Unless otherwise explicitly provided herein, none of the signatories to this Agreement shall be deemed to have approved, accepted, agreed, consented or acquiesced to any ratemaking or procedural principle, and, except as explicitly provided herein, none of the signatories shall be prejudiced or bound in any manner by the terms of this Agreement (whether this Agreement is approved or not) in this or any other proceeding, other than a proceeding limited to enforcing the terms of this Agreement.
- 8. If the Commission does not approve this Agreement unconditionally and without modification, then this Agreement shall be void and no signatory shall be bound by any of the agreements or provisions hereof, except as explicitly provided herein.

9. In the event the Commission approves the specific terms of this Agreement without condition or modification, the signatories waive their respective rights to call, examine, and cross-examine witnesses pursuant to § 536.070(2) RSMo; present oral argument and written briefs pursuant to §536.080.1 RSMo; their respective rights to the reading of the transcript by the Commission pursuant to RSMo §536.080.2 RSMo; their respective rights to seek rehearing pursuant to §386.500 RSMo; and their respective rights to judicial review pursuant to §386.510 RSMo. These waivers apply only to a Commission order approving this Agreement without condition or modification issued in this above-captioned proceeding. These waivers do not apply to any matters raised in any prior or subsequent Commission proceeding.

WHEREFORE, SNGMO and Staff request the Commission issue an order approving this Stipulation and Agreement and order SNGMO to adjust its ACA balances.

Respectfully submitted,

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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served electronically on all counsel of record on this 14<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2023.

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## APPENDIX A

**ACA Account Balances** SNGMO should be ordered to adjust the ACA account balances for its service territories in its next ACA filing to reflect the following adjustments:

Gallatin	Ending	Staff	Staff
Description	Balances	Adjustments	Recommended
(+) Under-	Per Filing	for 2020-2021	<b>Ending Balances</b>
recovery		ACA	
(-) Over-recovery			
Prior ACA	\$ (84,912.37)	\$ 0	\$ (84,912.37)
Balance 8-31-20			
Cost of	\$ 1,451,298.30	\$ 0	\$ 1,451,298.30
Gas/Storage			
Cost of	\$ 158,529.63	\$ 0	\$ 158,529.63
Transportation			
<b>Revenues - PGA</b>	\$ (653,342.34)	\$ 0	\$ (653,342.34)
billed			
ACA Approach	\$ 3,176.63	\$(202.67)	\$ 2,973.96
for Interest			
Calculation			
Cash Outs	\$ (290,774.92)	\$ (23,618.17)	\$ (314,393.09)
Total ACA	\$ 583,974.93	\$ (23,820.84)	\$ 560,154.09
<b>Balance 8-31-21</b>			

Warsaw/Lake of	Ending	Staff	Staff
the Ozarks	Balances	Adjustments	Recommended
Description	Per Filing	for 2020-2021	<b>Ending Balances</b>
(+) Under-		ACA	
recovery			
(-) Over-recovery			
Prior ACA	\$ (191,767.94)	\$ 0	\$ (191,767.94)
Balance 8-31-20			
Cost of	\$ 9,528,900.70	\$ (2,445.56)	\$ 9,526,455.14
Gas/Storage			
Cost of	\$ 645,494.06	\$ (68.53)	\$ 645,425.53
Transportation			
Revenues – PGA	\$ (1,788,065.25)	\$ 0	\$ (1,788,065.25)
billed			
ACA Approach	\$ 50,810.44	\$ (0.88)	\$ 50,809.56
for Interest			
Calculation			
Cash Outs	\$ (416,049.34)	\$ (51.67)	\$ (416,101.01)
Total ACA	\$ 7,829,322.67	\$ (2,566.64)	\$ 7,826,756.03
<b>Balance 8-31-21</b>		, ,	

Rogersville/Branson	Ending	Staff	Staff
Description	Balances	Adjustments	Recommended
(+) Under-recovery	Per Filing	for	<b>Ending Balances</b>
(-) Over-recovery		2020-2021	
		ACA	
<b>Prior ACA Balance</b>	\$ (178,195.84)	\$ 0	\$ (178,195.84)
8-31-20			
Cost of Gas/Storage	\$ 27,907,319.04	\$ (747,554.94)	\$ 27,159,764.10
Cost of	\$ 2,465,529.88	\$ (68.52)	\$ 2,465,461.36
Transportation			
Revenues - PGA	\$ (5,782,602.74)	\$ 0	\$ (5,782,602.74)
billed			
ACA Approach for	\$ 152,835.99	\$ 0	\$ 152,835.99
Interest			
Cash Outs	\$ (1,698,489.59)	\$ (6,038.77)	\$ (1,704,528.36)
<b>Total ACA Balance</b>	\$ 22,866,396.75	\$ (753,662.23)	\$ 22,112,734.51
8-31-21		•	