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P R O C E E D I N G S

JUDGE WOODRUFF: All right. Let's go ahead and get started. We're here for a Rulemaking Hearing considering the Commission's proposed amendment to 4 CSR 240-40.033 which concerns safety standards for liquefied natural gas facilities.

This hearing was scheduled as part of the publication of this rule in the Missouri Register. This is a fairly informal process. We won't be taking evidence from the parties. We're taking comments. The witnesses will not be sworn, for example. So basically it's just a chance for the public to comment to tell the Commission what they think of these rules.

My only procedural requirement is I generally ask staff to go last so they have a chance to respond to any comments that may be made, and I may have questions for the commenters after you've made your comments. So with that, let's go ahead and get started. I see Mr. Cooper in the back there anxious to get started. So tell us who you are and who you're representing.

MR. COOPER: Yes, my name is Dean Cooper. I'm representing Summit Natural Gas of Missouri today. With that, my participation will just about be complete because we're going to turn it over to Mr. Darrin Chism from Summit Natural Gas of Missouri to make a comment on

1     behalf of the company.

2             JUDGE WOODRUFF:   Mr. Chism?

3             MR. CHISM:   Yes, I'm Darrin Chism, the  
4     Director of Operations here for Summit Natural Gas of  
5     Missouri.   Our comments.   The proposed rule published on  
6     December 19, 2018 prescribed safety standards for liquid  
7     natural gas facilities adopting the federal pipeline  
8     safety laws and pipeline safety standards in 49 CFR Part  
9     193.   Summit Natural Gas of Missouri supports this rule  
10    proceeding and favors the proposed rule as logical steps  
11    in the regulation.

12            As natural gas operators transform their  
13    facilities with contemporary advancements such as LNG,  
14    the Commission's rules and regulations must be updated  
15    accordingly to protect the public interest in pipeline  
16    safety.

17            The proposed rule contemplated in the  
18    proceeding constitutes an appropriate move in that  
19    direction.   The Commission's proposed rulemaking  
20    accounts for different types of LNG facilities that may  
21    be regulated by the Commission including both temporary  
22    and permanent facility types.

23            The proposed rule will protect the pipeline  
24    safety in all instances while limiting the burden of  
25    natural gas -- to natural gas operators both on and by

1 the new regulation. Summit supports the adoption of the  
2 LNG facility rule on a permanent basis and commends the  
3 Commission for its continued efforts in updating and  
4 maintaining the state's gas safety standards and  
5 appreciates the support and opportunity to participate  
6 in this. So any questions?

7 JUDGE WOODRUFF: Thank you. Yes. First of  
8 all, could you spell your name for the court reporter?

9 MR. CHISM: Yes. It's Darrin, D-a-r-r-i-n,  
10 Chism, C-h-i-s-m.

11 JUDGE WOODRUFF: One question. I believe  
12 there's an emergency rule in place on this. Has that  
13 caused any problems for your company?

14 MR. CHISM: No, it has not. Not that I'm  
15 aware of.

16 JUDGE WOODRUFF: That's all the questions I  
17 have. Anything else, Mr. Cooper?

18 MR. COOPER: No, Your Honor.

19 JUDGE WOODRUFF: Okay. And moving over to  
20 staff. Does staff have any additional comments beyond  
21 what you filed as written comment?

22 MR. BERLIN: Judge, this is Bob Berlin, Staff  
23 Counsel. Staff has no additional comments to make other  
24 than the staff comments that were filed in this case and  
25 that staff supports the proposed rule.

1 JUDGE WOODRUFF: Anything anyone else wants to  
2 say? All right. At this point then we are adjourned.  
3 Thank you all for coming.

4 (Off the record.)  
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