

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

Paul Brown and Debra Brown,)	
)	
Complainants,)	
)	
v.)	<u>Case No. GC-2017-0199</u>
)	
Summit Natural Gas of Missouri, Inc.,)	
)	
Respondent)	

STAFF RESERVATION OF OBJECTION

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission and states as follows:

1. On May 23, 2018, Complainants and Respondent filed what amounts to a non-unanimous stipulation and agreement in this case. Attached to the non-unanimous stipulation and agreement was an Appendix A titled Settlement Agreement and General Release executed by Complainants and Respondent, and designated by them as Confidential.

2. The Commission's rule on non-unanimous stipulations and agreements, 4 CSR 240-2.115(2), provides in pertinent part that

(A) A nonunanimous stipulation and agreement is any stipulation and agreement which is entered into by fewer than all of the parties.

(B) Each party shall have seven (7) days from the filing of a nonunanimous stipulation and agreement to file an objection to the nonunanimous stipulation and agreement. Failure to file a timely objection shall constitute a full waiver of that party's right to a hearing.

(C) If no party timely objects to a nonunanimous stipulation and agreement, the commission may treat the nonunanimous stipulation and agreement as a unanimous stipulation and agreement.

3. The Confidential Appendix A filed by Complainants and Respondent contains certain provisions of interest to Staff; see, for illustration, paragraphs 3 through 6 of Confidential Appendix A. For example, Confidential Appendix A

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WHEREFORE, Staff submits this reservation of objection for the reasons set forth above.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand-delivered, or transmitted by facsimile or electronic mail to counsel of record this 30th day of May, 2018.

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