

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

In the Matter of an Investigation into the)	
Interruption of Summit Natural Gas of Missouri, Inc.'s)	<u>File No. GO-2018-0195</u>
Gas Deliveries in the Lebanon, Missouri Region)	

STAFF PRELIMINARY REPORT

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission and submits the attached Preliminary Report, and in support thereof states as follows:

1. On January 18, 2018, the Commission issued an *Order Opening an Investigation* (January 18 Order) which stated that “It has come to the Commission’s attention that Summit Natural Gas of Missouri, Inc. has recently interrupted gas deliveries to certain transportation customers in its Rogersville service division, including the Lebanon, Missouri area.”

2. In the January 18 Order the Commission directed Staff “to investigate the situation to determine whether any tariff provisions, legal requirements, or reliability standards have been violated” and ordered Staff to “undertake an investigation of Summit Natural Gas of Missouri, Inc.’s recently imposed curtailments of natural gas service to certain transportation customers in the Lebanon, Missouri area.”

3. The January 18 Order further provided that “Staff shall file a progress report regarding its investigation no later than January 25, 2018.” Staff submitted a progress report as ordered on January 25, 2018.

4. Also on January 25, 2018, the Commission issued an *Order Shortening Time to Respond to Data Requests and Directing Staff to File a Further Report* (January 25 Order) which directed Staff to “file a further status report regarding its

investigation no later than February 28, 2018.” Staff submitted a status report as ordered on February 28, 2018.

5. Also on February 28, 2018, the Commission issued an *Order Directing Staff to File a Further Report* (February 28 Order) which directed Staff to “file either a final report or a further status report regarding its investigation no later than March 21, 2018.” Staff submits the attached Preliminary Report pursuant to the February 28 Order.

6. Since Staff submitted its status report on February 28, 2018, Staff has continued its investigation into this matter and received additional information from Summit. The most recent data request responses were received from Summit on March 16, 2018.

7. Based on Staff’s investigation to date, Staff submits the attached Preliminary Report. However, as the title of the document would suggest, at this time the report should merely be considered “preliminary.” Staff will need a slight extension to follow-up on information recently received from Summit and to obtain clarification of certain matters before finalizing its report and any resulting recommendations.

8. Due to the ongoing nature of the investigation, Staff requests an extension until April 20, 2018, to file its final report.

WHEREFORE, Staff requests that the Commission accept the attached Preliminary Report pursuant to the Commission’s Order issued February 28, 2018, and grant Staff until April 20, 2018, to file its final report resulting from its investigation of this matter.

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 21st day of March, 2018.

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