

**STATE OF MISSOURI  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a session of the Public Service Commission held at its office in Jefferson City on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of September, 2021.

In the Matter of the Application of Summit )  
Natural Gas of Missouri Inc., for a Variance ) **File No. GE-2018-0193**  
from the Provisions of Commission Rule 20 )  
CSR 4240-10.030(19) )

**ORDER APPROVING VARIANCE**

Issue Date: September 23, 2021

Effective Date: October 23, 2021

On August 5, 2021, Summit Natural Gas of Missouri Inc., (SNGMO) filed a second motion for variance from its Meter Sampling Test Program (Program). The Commission approved the Program in its Order Approving Stipulation and Agreement on September 5, 2018. SNGMO's second motion is similar to the motion for variance it filed on September 10, 2020, and which the Commission granted on October 21, 2020.

Paragraph 4(C) of the Program requires SNGMO to test 218 American AC-250 meters in 2021 as a sampling to assess the accuracy of the meters. SNGMO states that COVID-19 has created operational limitations that prevent it from completing that task. As such, SNGMO asks that it be relived from the obligation to test 218 meters in 2021. SNGMO further asks that it be permitted to begin the 2022 testing requirement on January 1, 2022. SNGMO will review the annual testing results to determine the statistical relevance of the meter test quantities in each lot. SNGMO agrees to file the number of American AC-250 meters tested in calendar year 2021 and the results of those meter tests in its 2021 annual report. It will continue to remove and test meters when it is safe to do so.

The Staff of the Commission filed a Recommendation on September 8, 2021. Staff recommends that the Commission grant the variance.

Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240.080(13) allows for ten days to respond to pleadings unless otherwise ordered by the Commission. The Commission issued no order to the contrary, more than ten days have elapsed since Staff filed its Recommendation, and no party has responded.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Commission finds good cause to grant SNMGO's variance from its Program. The Commission will grant the motion for variance.

**THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:**

1. SNGMO is granted a variance from Paragraph 4(C) of its Program.
2. SNGMO is permitted to begin its 2022 testing requirement to test 218 American AC-250 meters on January 1, 2022.
3. This order shall be effective on October 23, 2021.
4. This file shall be closed on October 24, 2021.



**BY THE COMMISSION**

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Morris L. Woodruff".

Morris L. Woodruff  
Secretary

Silvey, Chm., Rupp, Coleman, Holsman, and  
Kolkmeier CC., concur.

Pridgin, Regulatory Law Judge


**STATE OF MISSOURI**

**OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

I have compared the preceding copy with the original on file in this office and I do hereby certify the same to be a true copy therefrom and the whole thereof.

**WITNESS my hand and seal of the Public Service Commission,  
at Jefferson City, Missouri, this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of September, 2021.**



  
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**Morris L. Woodruff**  
**Secretary**

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**Enclosed find a certified copy of an Order or Notice issued in the above-referenced matter(s).**

**Sincerely,**



**Morris L. Woodruff  
Secretary**

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