

**STATE OF MISSOURI  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a session of the Public Service Commission held at its office in Jefferson City on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of March, 2023.

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: March 1, 2023

Effective Date: March 31, 2023

On November 22, 2022, Summit Natural Gas of Missouri Inc., (SNGMO) filed a third motion for variance from its Meter Sampling Test Program (Program). The Commission approved the Program in its Order Approving Stipulation and Agreement (Stipulation) on September 5, 2018. SNGMO's third motion is similar to the motion for variance it filed on August 25, 2021, and which the Commission granted on September 23, 2021.

SNGMO requests that it be relieved from the December 31, 2022, target completion dates for its American AC-250 four-year test program. SNGMO asks the Commission to change the completion date to December 31, 2025. SNGMO also requests a variance for its non-American AC-250 four-year catch-up program to reach full compliance with the Missouri Public Service Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-10.030(19) from December 31, 2022 to December 31, 2025.

The Staff of the Commission filed a Recommendation on January 27, 2023. Staff recommended that the Commission partially grant the variance. In particular, Staff recommended the Commission grant SNGMO a two-year extension for both programs,

moving the completion date to December 31, 2024. Staff further asks the Commission to order SNGMO to complete no fewer than 2,600 AC-250 meter tests annually; and to also order SNGMO to file with the Commission a report detailing its progress towards compliance with the Stipulation on or before September 30, 2023 and 2024.

Staff supplemented its Recommendation with a February 16, 2023 Response to Order Directing Filing. In that response, Staff stated that SNGMO and Staff agree that the Commission should order a variance as stated in Staff's Recommendation.

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 February 16, 2023 Response, and no party has responded.

The Commission finds good cause to grant SNGMO's motion for variance as agreed upon by Staff and SNGMO.

**THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:**

1. SNGMO is granted a variance from its Meter Test Program and the Catch-Up Program to December 31, 2024.
2. SNGMO shall complete no fewer than 2,600 AC-250 meter tests annually.
3. SNGMO shall file with the Commission a report detailing its progress towards compliance with the Stipulation on or before September 30, 2023 and 2024.
4. This order shall be effective on March 31, 2023.
5. This file shall be closed on April 1, 2023.



**BY THE COMMISSION**

*Nancy Dippell*

Nancy Dippell  
Secretary

Rupp, Chm., 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 1<sup>st</sup> day of March, 2023.**



*Nancy Dippell*  
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**Secretary**

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

*Sincerely,*



**Nancy Dippell  
Secretary**

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