

**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)
Gas Deliveries in the Lebanon, Missouri Region)

File No. GO-2018-0195

STAFF STATUS REPORT

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission, through the undersigned counsel, and 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 submits this status report pursuant to the January 25 Order.

5. Since Staff submitted its progress report on January 25, 2018, Staff has submitted approximately 30 data requests, with multiple subparts, to Summit concerning the subject of this investigation, and Summit has responded. The most recent responses were received on February 21, 2018.

6. Staff has also received comments from one transportation customer whose service was curtailed¹ by Summit during the month of January 2018.

7. Based on Staff’s investigation to date, at this time it does not appear that Summit violated any tariff provisions² or gas safety standards in regard to the January 2018 curtailments. However, Staff is still investigating certain technical and operational matters related to the recent curtailments, gathering information, and arranging telephone calls with Summit to obtain clarification of certain matters.

8. Due to the ongoing nature of the investigation, Staff is unable to file a final report at this time. However, Staff anticipates that it will be able to file a final report including any recommendations no later than March 21, 2018, assuming continued cooperation from Summit concerning this matter.

WHEREFORE, Staff requests that the Commission accept this Status Report pursuant to the Commission’s Order issued January 25, 2018, and grant Staff until March 21, 2018, to file its final report resulting from its investigation of this matter.

¹ For purposes of this Status Report, the terms “interruption” and “curtailment” may be used interchangeably.

² Although Staff has found no tariff violations at this time, Staff’s final report may contain recommendations intended to improve Summit’s tariffs regarding interruptions/curtailments on a going-forward basis.

Respectfully submitted,

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