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Natural Gas) Corp. d/b/a)
Liberty Utilities' Tariff)
Revisions Designed To Implement A) File No. GR-2014-0152
General Rate Increase For)
Natural Gas Service In The)
Missouri Service Areas Of)
The Company)

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1 (Start time of conference: 10:00 a.m.)

2 P R O C E E D I N G S

3 JUDGE PRIDGEN: Good morning. We are on the
4 record.

5 These are the Pre-Hearing Conferences in Case
6 No. GR-2014-0152 which is the pending Liberty
7 Utilities rate case, and also GR-2014-0086, the
8 pending Summit Rate case, Natural Gas Rate case.
9 Thank you.

10 I'm Ron Pridgin; and, on the bench with me is
11 --

12 JUDGE JORDAN: Dan Jordan. We are the
13 Regulatory Law Judges assigned to this case. I'm
14 assigned to Liberty.

15 JUDGE PRIDGIN: Judge Jordan is assigned to
16 Summit. And I have discussed with Counsel
17 beforehand, in an effort to try to make the record
18 cleaner and to get through this part of the Pre-
19 Hearing faster, instead of taking oral appearance,
20 I've asked parties to simply submit written entries
21 to the Court Reporter.

22 Does anyone have any objections or concerns
23 about doing that?

24 (No response.)

25 JUDGE PRIDGIN: All right. I'm hearing

1 none.

2 Before I turn anything to Judge Jordan, on
3 the Liberty side of the prehearing, I don't see any
4 pending motions. I believe the next step for
5 Liberty is a proposed procedural schedule on March
6 the 20th. Is there anything the parties need to
7 bring to my attention, at least on the Liberty
8 side?

9 MR. KNEE: Yes. Just wanted to bring to
10 your attention briefly, I think the Division of
11 Energy's application to intervene is still pending.

12 JUDGE PRIDGIN: Very good. I appreciate you
13 bringing that to my attention. And I -- let me
14 ask, I assume 10 days have passed. I would
15 certainly think it would be much more than 10 days.

16 MR. KNEE: Yes. February 26th.

17 JUDGE PRIDGIN: Very good. Assuming I have
18 no objection, the 10 days have run, I will
19 certainly grant that application today.

20 MR. KNEE: Thank you.

21 JUDGE PRIDGIN: You're quite welcome.

22 MR. KNEE: Would you do so through an order
23 or just on the record?

24 JUDGE PRIDGIN: As you prefer. I'll be glad
25 -- if this verbal confirmation works for you,

1 that's fine. If you wish a verbal order --

2 MR. KNEE: I think an order might be better
3 so we get clarification with the EFIS folks.

4 JUDGE PRIDGIN: Absolutely. Good to do
5 that.

6 (Indicating.)

7 JUDGE PRIDGIN: Mr. Keevil?

8 MR. KEEVIL: Since he brought that up, have
9 you granted the other application to intervene in
10 the Liberty? There was one other intervention in
11 the Liberty case.

12 JUDGE PRIDGIN: Was it Noranda? I will do
13 the same for you, Mr. Downey. Mr. Keevil, thank
14 you. Mr. Downey, thank you.

15 Anything further on the Liberty side?

16 (No response.)

17 JUDGE PRIDGIN: Judge Jordan.

18 JUDGE JORDAN: This is Daniel Jordan. I'm
19 assigned to the action in File No. GR-2014-0086,
20 which is the Summit Natural Gas of Missouri Inc.'s
21 General Rate action. And the purpose of this
22 scheduling is -- the purpose of this conference is
23 the scheduling, or rescheduling of the events in
24 that action.

25 Does anyone have anything else they want to

1 bring to my attention while we're here on the
2 record?

3 (Indicating.)

4 JUDGE JORDAN: Yes, Counselor.

5 MR. THOMPSON: Which day of the week do you
6 prefer to have Discovery Conferences on?

7 JUDGE JORDAN: Good question. The parties
8 have issued --

9 MR. BRADLEY: Rich Bradley. Sorry. I'm a
10 little late.

11 MR. BROWNLEE: Richard Brownlee is also
12 here.

13 JUDGE JORDAN: Very good. Very good.

14 Okay. So, what day works for the Discovery
15 Conferences? I'll tell you. The parties' proposal
16 was Wednesday. That's the Commission agenda day.

17 MR. THOMPSON: Any day other than that?

18 JUDGE JORDAN: Pretty much, yes.

19 MR. THOMPSON: Thursday or Tuesday?

20 JUDGE JORDAN: I think Thursday; Tuesday's
21 also good. Tuesday and Thursday are the best, and
22 thank you for asking me.

23 MR. THOMPSON: Thank you.

24 JUDGE JORDAN: What else can I do for the
25 parties while we're all here and on the record?

1 (No response.)

2 JUDGE JORDAN: I'm not seeing anything.

3 If Counsel needs nothing further, I'll just
4 ask the parties on the phone to stay on the line,
5 and we will go off the record, if there's nothing
6 further from counsel.

7 (No response.)

8 JUDGE JORDAN: Hearing nothing, we will
9 adjourn the on-the-record portion of the Pre-
10 Hearing Conferences in CR-2014-0086 and
11 GR-2014-0152. Thank you very much.

12 MR. THOMPSON: Thank you.

13 JUDGE JORDAN: I'll also mention I'll be in
14 my office all day today except an appointment
15 between 3 and 4. In case you need me, I'll be
16 available. Thanks everyone.

17 JUDGE PRIDGIN: I'm assuming if you need to
18 hear -- but I've got a hot mic on the phone. I'm
19 hoping that's the best reception you're going to
20 get; but, if not, feel free to come up here and
21 move the phone around.

22 All right. Thank you very much.

23 (Whereupon, the record ended at 10:06 a.m.)

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