

**STATE OF MISSOURI  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a session of the Public Service Commission held by telephone and internet audio conference on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of October, 2020.

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 4 )  
CSR 240-10.030(19) )

**ORDER APPROVING VARIANCE**

Issue Date: October 21, 2018

Effective Date: November 20, 2020

On September 10, 2020, Summit Natural Gas of Missouri Inc., (SNGMO) filed a 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.<sup>1</sup>

Paragraph 4(C) of the Program requires SNGMO to test 211 American AC-250 meters in 2020 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 211 meters. SNGMO will review the annual testing results to determine the statistical relevance of the meter test quantities in each lot and agrees to file the number of American AC-250 meters tested in calendar year 2020, and the results of those meter tests, in its 2020 annual report. It will continue to remove and test meters when it is safe to do so. Further, SNGMO asks that the

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<sup>1</sup> The Program is an attachment to a Non-Unanimous Stipulation and Agreement filed on August 17, 2018.

Commission permit SNGMO to begin the 2021 testing requirement to test 218 American AC-250 meters on January 1, 2021.

The Staff of the Commission filed a Recommendation on October 1, 2020, and supplemented it with a Corrected Staff Recommendation on October 5, 2020. 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, and more than ten days have elapsed since Staff filed its Corrected Recommendation.

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 2021 testing requirement to test 218 American AC-250 meters on January 1, 2021.
3. This order shall be effective on November 20, 2020.
4. This file shall be closed on November 21, 2020.



**BY THE COMMISSION**

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

Morris L. Woodruff  
Secretary

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

Pridgin, Regulatory Law Judge