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1 JUDGE PRIDGIN: Good morning. We are on the
2 record. This is the prehearing conference in File No.
3 GR-2018-0230 in the Matter of The Propriety of Rate Schedules
4 For Natural Gas Service of Summit Natural Gas of Missouri, Inc.

5 I'm Ron Pridgin. I'm the regulatory law judge
6 assigned to preside over this prehearing conference that's being
7 held on October 25th, 2018 of the Governor Office Building in
8 Jefferson City, Missouri. The time is 10:00 a.m. I would like
9 to get entries of appearance from counsel, please and I would
10 like to begin with Summit Natural Gas, please.

11 MR. BOUDREAU: Yes. Let the record reflect the
12 appearance of Paul Boudreau with the law firm of Brydon,
13 Swearngen and England, 312 E. Capitol Avenue, Jefferson City,
14 Missouri on behalf of Summit Natural Gas of Missouri.

15 JUDGE PRIDGIN: Mr. Boudreau, thank you.

16 Good morning. This is Ron Pridgin.

17 MR. BROWNLEE: Richard Brownlee.

18 JUDGE PRIDGIN: Mr. Brownlee, good morning. We
19 just went on the record and I'm just taking entries of
20 appearance from counsel. I'll get to you in just a moment.

21 MR. BROWNLEE: Okay. I'm sorry.

22 JUDGE PRIDGIN: That's quite all right. Then
23 I'll go off the record here in a few minutes, but please stay on
24 the line so you can talk with counsel.

25 MR. BROWNLEE: I am right here.

1 JUDGE PRIDGIN: Very good. Thank you, sir.
2 Entries of appearance from Staff, please.

3 MR. KEEVIL: Jeff Keevil and Casi Aslin on
4 behalf of the Staff of the Public Service Commission. Our
5 address is 200 Madison Street, PO Box 360, Jefferson City
6 Missouri 65102.

7 JUDGE PRIDGIN: Mr. Keevil, Ms. Aslin, thank
8 you.

9 On behalf of the Office of Public Counsel?

10 MR. POSTON: Marc Poston for the Office of
11 Public Counsel.

12 JUDGE PRIDGIN: Mr. Poston, thank you.

13 On behalf of Renew Missouri, please.

14 MR. OPITZ: Tim Opitz on behalf of Renew
15 Missouri.

16 JUDGE PRIDGIN: Mr. Opitz, thank you.

17 On behalf of the Missouri School Board
18 Association?

19 MR. BROWNLEE: Richard Brownlee, 121 Madison
20 Street, Jefferson City. And I think joining me will be Mike
21 Parnell who is with the school board association that I think
22 everybody knows.

23 JUDGE PRIDGIN: Thank you, Mr. Brownlee.

24 Having I overlooked anyone? All right. I don't
25 think there are any pending motions or anything. I will ask

1 though if there are any pending motions or anything that the
2 parties need from me?

3 MR. KEEVIL: I don't think there's any pending
4 motion, Judge. I would have a question.

5 JUDGE PRIDGIN: Okay.

6 MR. KEEVIL: I guess this conference today was
7 triggered by Staff filed a motion, Summit responded, then the
8 Commission issued an order setting this procedural conference.
9 I think it said something like to discuss procedure for an AAO
10 hearing or something along those lines. But since no one had
11 really -- no one had really requested it, I want to make sure
12 what it is you are expecting from us to come out of this today.

13 JUDGE PRIDGIN: That's a good question since I'm
14 fairly new to the file. I'm kind of stumbling through it
15 myself. I do know that some other parties will have similar
16 prehearings scheduled later today with other --

17 MR. KEEVIL: Yes.

18 JUDGE PRIDGIN: -- other companies and that's
19 kind of what I was going to get to. I wanted to give parties
20 time to deal with all of the moving parts with not only Summit
21 but the other prehearings and other cases, kind of moving along
22 the same track. I wondered if some sort of -- you know, I would
23 normally ask parties to file something in about a week to kind
24 of let me know where the case is going and I guess I would ask
25 the parties is a week enough time or do you need more time to

1 file some sort of status report or proposed schedule?

2 MR. KEEVIL: It might not -- like you said, I
3 know there is an Ameren conference this afternoon on the same
4 topic and there's a GMO steam case, same situation, prehearing
5 this afternoon on the same topic. It might not be a bad idea to
6 allow longer, maybe two weeks.

7 JUDGE PRIDGIN: That is fine. I mean it would
8 seem pointless to me to say file something in a week for you to
9 file something in a week to say we need more time. I don't want
10 to push it too far.

11 MR. BOUDREAU: Yeah. And there's some matters
12 that I want to discuss with counsel that my jive more closely to
13 the two weeks than one.

14 JUDGE PRIDGIN: So what I'm hearing is I can
15 expect a proposed procedural schedule or schedule or status
16 report or some sort of pleading in two weeks, which I believe
17 would be November 8th if I've got my calendar in my head right.
18 I think that's all for the parties. Is there anything else that
19 I could do for the parties before I go off the record?

20 MR. BOUDREAU: So there's really no specific
21 guidance that you are prepared to give us today about what the
22 Commission's expectations are?

23 JUDGE PRIDGIN: I think that is correct. Like I
24 said, I just kind of inherited this file recently and because
25 there are so many cases going on at the same time I wanted to

1 get out of your way and see what you could work out not only
2 here but in those other cases that are going to prehearing later
3 today.

4 MR. BOUDREAU: Very good. Thank you, Judge.

5 JUDGE PRIDGIN: You're very welcome. I think
6 the next prehearing hearing is set for one o'clock so I would
7 say you safely have access to this room for a couple of hours or
8 so. Otherwise you may need to find another physical location to
9 continue talking if that's what you need.


10 Anything else I can do for you before we go off
11 the record? Hearing nothing, we will go off the record in the
12 prehearing conference in File No. GR-2018-0230. Thank you. We
13 are off the record.

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