BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Propriety of the Rate Schedules for Natural Gas Service of Summit Natural Gas of Missouri, Inc.

Case No. GR-2018-0230

STIPULATION AND AGREEMENT

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COME NOW Summit Natural Gas of Missouri, Inc. ("Summit"), the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission, and the Office of the Public Counsel ("OPC") (collectively the "Signatories"), and for this Stipulation and Agreement regarding the effect of the Tax Cut and Jobs Act of 2017 (the "Tax Stipulation") pursuant to the Commission's February 18, 2018 Order Opening Rate Case, Directing Notice, and Establishing Time to Intervene, and Requiring Company to Show Cause Why Its Rates Should Not be Adjusted, respectfully state as follows:

1. This Tax Stipulation is being entered into by the Signatories, who are the remaining parties to this case¹, solely for the purpose of settling the issues specifically addressed herein and thereby settling the case captioned above. Unless otherwise explicitly provided herein, none of the Signatories shall be deemed to have approved or acquiesced in any ratemaking or procedural principle, including, without limitation, any method of cost of service or valuation determination or cost allocation, rate design, revenue recovery, or revenue-related methodology. Except as explicitly provided herein, none of the Signatories shall be prejudiced or bound in any manner by the terms of this Tax Stipulation in this or any other proceeding.

¹ On February 13, 2019, the Commission issued an order granting the Missouri School Boards' Association's motion to be dismissed from this docket. (EFIS Item No. 26). On May 2, 2019, the Commission granted Renew Missouri Advocates d/b/a Renew Missouri's motion to be dismissed from this docket. (EFIS Item No. 34).

2. The Signatories stipulate and agree as follows:

A. Deferral of the annual financial impact of the TCJA reduction in income tax rates of \$1,156,535, shall start January 1, 2019 and continue until the next Summit general rate case; and,

B. The protected excess ADIT regulatory liability of \$9,482,259 shall be amortized beginning January 1, 2019, in amounts consistent with Summit's calculation utilizing the average rate assumption method ("ARAM"). The unprotected excess ADIT regulatory asset balance of \$4,450,378 shall be amortized beginning January 1, 2019 in the same amounts as the amortization of protected excess ADIT. The financial impact of amortizing both the protected and unprotected excess ADIT balances in this manner is intended to be earnings-neutral to Summit until the matter is addressed in the next Summit general rate case.

3. This Tax Stipulation has resulted from negotiations among the parties, and the terms herein are interdependent and non-severable. If the Commission does not approve this Tax Stipulation unconditionally and without modification, or if the Commission approves this Tax Stipulation with modifications or conditions to which a Signatory objects, then this Tax Stipulation shall be void and none of the Signatories shall be bound by any of the agreements or provisions hereof.

4. This Tax Stipulation is based on the unique circumstances presented by Summit to the Signatories. Except to the extent necessary to implement the terms of this Tax Stipulation, this agreement shall not be construed to have precedential impact in any other Commission proceeding.

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5. The non-utility Signatories enter into this Tax Stipulation in reliance upon information provided to them by Summit, and this Tax Stipulation is explicitly predicated upon the representations made by Summit.

6. In the event the Commission accepts the specific terms of this Tax Stipulation without condition or modification, the Signatories waive their respective rights to present oral argument and written briefs pursuant to RSMo. §536.080.1, their respective rights to the reading of the transcript by the Commission pursuant to §536.080.2, their respective rights to seek rehearing pursuant to §386.500, and their respective rights to judicial review pursuant to §386.510. These waivers apply only to a Commission order approving this Tax Stipulation without condition or modification issued in this proceeding and only to the issues that are resolved hereby. These waivers do not apply to any issues not explicitly addressed by this Tax Stipulation. The Signatories agree that any and all discussions, suggestions, or memoranda reviewed or discussed, related to this Tax Stipulation shall be privileged and shall not be subject to discovery, admissible in evidence, or in any way used, described or discussed.

7. When approved by the Commission, this Tax Stipulation shall constitute a binding agreement among the Signatories. This Tax Stipulation contains the entire agreement of the Signatories concerning the issues addressed herein.

8. This Tax Stipulation does not constitute a contract with the Commission. Acceptance of this Tax Stipulation by the Commission shall not be deemed as constituting an agreement on the part of the Commission to forego the use of any discovery, investigatory powers or other statutory powers which the Commission presently has. Thus, nothing in this Tax Stipulation is intended to impinge or restrict in any manner the

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exercise by the Commission of any statutory right, including the right to access information.

WHEREFORE, the Signatories respectfully request that the Commission issue an order approving the specific terms and conditions of this Stipulation and Agreement as a full and complete resolution of Case No. GR-2018-0230.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand-delivered, or transmitted by facsimile or electronic mail to counsel of record this 14th day of May, 2019.

/s/ Robert S. Berlin