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ON BEHALF OF

SUMMIT NATURAL GAS OF MISSOURI, INC.

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DIRECT TESTIMONY

MICHELLE A. MOORMAN

SUMMIT NATURAL GAS OF MISSOURI, INC.

I. INTRODUCTION AND QUALIFICATIONS

1 Q. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND BUSINESS ADDRESS.

- A. Michelle A. Moorman, my address is 7810 Shaffer Parkway, Suite 120, Littleton,
- 3 CO 80127.
- 4 Q. ON WHOSE BEHALF IS YOUR TESTIMONY PRESENTED?
- A. I am testifying on behalf of Summit Natural Gas of Missouri, Inc. ("SNG" or the
 "Company").
- 7 Q. BY WHOM AND IN WHAT CAPACITY ARE YOU EMPLOYED?
- 8 A. I am the Director of Regulatory Affairs for Summit Utilities, Inc., ("Summit Utilities")
- 9 the parent company of SNG.

10 Q. PLEASE STATE YOUR EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND AND RELEVANT

11 BUSINESS EXPERIENCE.

12 A. Information responsive to this question is shown in the attached **Schedule MAM-**

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14 Q. HAVE YOU TESTIFIED BEFORE OTHER REGULATORY BODIES?

A. Yes. I have testified before the Colorado Public Utilities Commission and the
 Maine Public Utilities Commission.

1 Q. IN WHAT CAPACITY?

A. I have testified as a policy witness and as the representative for Colorado Natural
 Gas, Inc., and Summit Natural Gas of Maine, Inc., both affiliates of SNG.

4 Q. WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF YOUR TESTIMONY IN THIS PROCEEDING?

5 Α. In my testimony, I will describe the history of rate cases for Missouri Gas Utility, б Inc. ("MGU"), which acquired Southern Missouri Gas Company L.P. d/b/a 7 Southern Missouri Natural Gas Company ("SMNG") and became SNG after Case 8 No. GM-2011-0354. I will provide a review of Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission") Orders directing specific requirements for this rate proceeding. In 9 10 addition, I will present the findings of the revenue sufficiency study, provide an 11 explanation of Company management policy decisions related to the study, and 12 support proposed changes to the transportation and school aggregation tariffs. Finally, I will introduce Company witnesses. 13

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II. BACKGROUND AND OVERVIEW

16 Q. WHAT TYPE OF RELIEF IS SNG SEEKING IN THIS RATE PROCEEDING?

A. SNG is seeking to increase revenue and adjust its rate design in order to maintain a financially viable utility. SNG is seeking (1) a reasonable opportunity to recover its revenue requirement, (2) a return on equity ("ROE") appropriate for the unique risks of this utility, and (3) rates that acknowledge the result of a Class Cost-of-Service Study ("CCOSS"). Rates have historically been determined based on feasibility studies calculated during CCN processes. Neither MGU nor SMNG has 1 filed a formal general rate case request since 2007 (Case No. GR-2008-0060) and 2000 (GR-2000-485), respectively, even though both companies have continued 2 3 to grow and expand rate base.

WHY IS THE COMPANY SEEKING THIS RELIEF? 4 Q.

5 Α. The Company is seeking this relief in order to recover the increased cost of providing service to customers. SNG has constructed significant new gas service б 7 facilities and has experienced increased operating expenses, including increased property taxes associated with the new facilities. The Company and its 8 predecessor companies have not filed a formal general rate proceeding in at least 9 six years, and have never filed a class cost of service study to assist in developing 10 11 rates. The resulting revenue deficiencies have caused SNG's earnings to fall 12 short of the level authorized by the Commission.

13 Q. PLEASE PROVIDE A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF SNG.

14 Α. SNG is the current name of the corporate entity formerly known as MGU. MGU, a

15 subsidiary of Summit Utilities, Inc. ("Summit Utilities"), acquired SMNG on January

1, 2012, and at the same time changed the name of the entity to SNG. 16

WHAT IS THE HISTORY OF MGU'S PROVISION OF NATURAL GAS SERVICE 17 Q.

IN MISSOURI? 18

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19 Α. Summit Utilities acquired the municipal gas facilities of Gallatin and Hamilton, Missouri and formed MGU in December of 2004. MGU has since expanded to 20

- provide natural gas service through distribution facilities in the Missouri counties of
- Harrison, Daviess, Caldwell, Pettis, Benton, Morgan, Camden, and Miller, subject 22

1 to the jurisdiction of the Commission.

2 Q. WHAT IS THE HISTORY OF SMNG'S PROVISION OF NATURAL GAS 3 SERVICE IN MISSOURI?

A. In 1993, Tartan Energy, doing business as Southern Missouri Gas Company filed
for a CCN for what is now considered the legacy SMNG system. The application
for CCN was approved in the fall of 1994 and since then SMNG has gone through
multiple reorganizations and various owners in its nearly 20 year history. At the
time of acquisition, SMNG provided natural gas service in the Missouri counties of
Greene, Webster, Laclede, Wright, Douglas, Texas, Howell, Stone and Taney,
subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission.

11Q.PLEASE PROVIDE A HISTORY OF RATE PROCEEDINGS FOR THE SNG12TERRITORIES PREVIOUSLY KNOWN AS MGU.

MGU began operations in January 2005, based on rates previously charged by 13 A. the Gallatin and Hamilton municipal systems. MGU filed its first rate proceeding 14 15 before the Commission in 2007, with new rates becoming effective in 2008. A class cost-of-service study was not prepared as part of this proceeding and rates 16 were adjusted based on the approved unanimous stipulation and agreement. 17 MGU began flowing gas to its Warsaw Division in late 2009, with rates established 18 19 based on the feasibility study provided by the Company in the Certificate for Public 20 Convenience ("CCN") case (Case No. GA-2009-0264). The feasibility study accounted for projected materials, labor, contractor costs and operating costs as 21 well as predicted customer growth in the area. A cost-of-service study was 22

completed as part of the feasibility study; however, a class cost-of-service study
 was not prepared. In 2012, the Commission granted a CCN for the Lake of the
 Ozarks Division ("LOO"), and the rates for this division were established based on
 the feasibility provided in the CCN Application. The LOO Division is not a part of
 this proceeding as further explained below.

Q. PLEASE PROVIDE A HISTORY OF RATE PROCEEDINGS FOR THE SNG TERRITORIES PREVIOUSLY KNOWN AS SMNG.

A. The service territory previously known as SMNG is broken into two
divisions, the Rogersville Division, and the Branson Division.

10 The Rogersville Division encompasses the original SMNG system, serving 11 the incorporated municipalities of Rogersville, Mountain Grove, Lebanon, and 12 West Plains, Missouri, as well as unincorporated areas of the counties mentioned 13 above. Rates for the SMNG divisions were last set following a small company rate 14 case proceeding (Case No. GR-2010-0347), initiated in 2010. A class cost-of-15 service study was not performed as part of this previous small company rate case 16 proceeding.

The Branson Division began flowing gas in the fourth quarter of 2010. The Branson rates are currently the equivalent of the Rogersville Division rates, plus \$0.10 per Ccf to account for the cost of construction in the Branson Division. A class cost-of-service study was not performed previously in the establishment of the Branson Division rates.

Prior to Case No. GR-2010-0347, SMNG had not increased base rates

1 since 2000.

Q. ARE THERE ANY REQUIREMENTS FROM PREVIOUS COMMISSION ORDERS BEING ADDRESSED IN THIS RATE PROCEEDING?

A. Yes. The following list identifies the primary cases and requirements being
addressed in this rate case:

Case Nos. GO-2005-0120, GA-2009-0264, GA-2009-0422, GA-2010-0289, the CCNs for the Gallatin and Warsaw Divisions. The Commission
 Orders included requirements to maintain separate books and records for each
 Division, identify appropriate depreciation rates, and directed that a class cost-of-service study and revenue requirements be completed in the next rate case.

Case No. GA-2012-0285, the CCN for the LOO Division. The
 Commission order included the requirements identified in the previous CCNs, as
 well as specific treatment for Allowance for Funds Used During Construction
 ("AFUDC"), instructions for the capitalization ratio of advertising, a directive that
 the LOO Division would be a stand-alone system, and a 42 month moratorium on
 rate increases for the LOO Division.

Case No. GM-2011-0354, addressed the MGU acquisition of SMNG.
 The Stipulation specifically mentioned accounting treatments, affiliate transaction
 requirements, proper accounting for plant in service, customer service,
 depreciation requirements (including a depreciation study), a rate moratorium,
 directives regarding gas safety and interaction between other utilities, and a
 directive that the compliance requirements identified in the SMNG small company

1 rate proceeding be carried forward.

2 Q. HOW IS THE LAKE OF THE OZARKS ("LOO") DIVISION TREATED IN THIS 3 RATE PROCEEDING?

4 Α. In approving the Company's application for a CCN for the LOO Division, the 5 Commission ordered a 42 month rate moratorium for the new Division. The subject order was effective on July 27, 2012, and, therefore, the rate moratorium б 7 is in effect until December of 2015. In this proceeding, the Company is identifying 8 the costs directly assigned to the LOO Division in order to ensure those costs are not included in the other divisions. Company witness Mr. Kent D. Taylor is 9 10 presenting a CCOS and rate design and Company witness Mr. Tyson D. Porter is 11 presenting the revenue sufficiency study, all of which allocate some test period 12 costs to the LOO, but do not include a full study of the LOO Division. The tariff sheets filed by SNG do not propose a rate increase for the LOO Division, but 13 14 certain allocations are provided for review as it is important to understand the 15 Division's connection to the rest of the Company.

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III. REVENUE REQUIREMENT & RATE DESIGN

18 Q. WHAT TEST YEAR HAS SNG USED FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THIS RATE

19 **CASE?**

A. SNG has used a 12 month test year ending September 30, 2013.

21 Q. HAS THE COMPANY MADE ANY ADJUSTMENTS TO THE ACTUAL 22 ADJUSTED REVENUES AND EXPENSE FOR THE TEST YEAR ENDING 7

1 SEPTEMBER 30, 2013?

A. Yes. In addition to the use of a historic test year, SNG has made pro forma
 adjustments for known and measurable changes that will occur in 2013. This is
 explained further in the direct testimony of Company witness Mr. Porter.

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Q. DID THE COMPANY USE STANDARD REGULATORY CONVENTIONS IN

CALCULATING THE PRO FORMA REVENUE AND EXPENSES?

A. Yes, to a point. SNG classified its costs into customer related and
 demand/commodity related categories, but after review of the results, used
 management discretion to adjust the Company's request as described below.

10 Q. WHAT ARE THE RESULTS OF THE REVENUE SUFFICIENCY STUDY?

11 Α. The Company's revenue sufficiency study is described in Mr. Porter's testimony. The calculated pro forma revenue required is \$26,690,134. This amount is broken 12 out by Division in Mr. Porter's Schedule TDP-1, Exhibit 1. Based on this study, 13 SNG's total revenue deficiency is \$12,792,921. However, in analyzing the outputs 14 15 of the revenue sufficiency study, the Company determined this level of rate increase was not appropriate in the Warsaw and Branson Divisions, as further 16 discussed below. The Company used management discretion in its decision to file 17 tariff sheets designed to seek less than the full revenue requirement identified in 18 19 the class cost-of-service study, in order to mitigate the rate increase to certain 20 customers. Therefore, the Company is seeking as part of this rate proceeding, a total revised revenue requirement of \$21,231,403, for a revenue increase of 21 \$7,472,133. 22

1 Q. WHAT MANAGEMENT POLICY DECISION WAS MADE FOR THE WARSAW

2 **DIVISION?**

A. SNG decided to request a lower increase than would have been called for by its
 revenue sufficiency study.

5 Q. WHY?

б Α. The Warsaw and LOO Divisions share mainline facilities from the tap with 7 Southern Star. For purposes of this case, the Company has allocated shared assets, as further identified in the direct testimony of Company witness Mr. Porter. 8 9 However, the build out of the LOO Division has not been fully completed. The 10 Company believes it should wait until a subsequent rate proceeding in which the full build out of the LOO Division will be considered in order to address the full 11 12 revenue requirement associated with the Warsaw Division. Therefore, the 13 Company is only seeking that portion of the Warsaw Division revenue requirement 14 necessary to bring the Warsaw rates up to the existing LOO rates.

Q. WHAT MANAGEMENT POLICY DECISION WAS MADE FOR THE BRANSON DIVISION?

A. SNG also decided to seek less than the full revenue requirement in the Branson
 Division. Similar to the LOO Division, the Branson Division is still growing.
 Accordingly, SNG has sought something less than the full revenue requirement in
 order to avoid assigning the full cost of the system to early moving customers.

21 Q. ARE THERE OTHER MANAGEMENT POLICY DECISIONS REFLECTED IN

THIS CASE?

1 Α. Yes. SNG has made several other management policy decisions in the development of this rate proceeding. These are as follows: (1) To close the 2 (SMNG) Optional General Service ("OGS") customer class to future customers; (2) 3 Changing the Branson commodity adder; and, (3) Reduction of customer charges 4 5 from what was indicated in the allocated class cost-of-service study.

б Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE SNG'S PROPOSED TREATMENT OF THE OPTIONAL **GENERAL SERVICE CUSTOMER CLASS.** 7

8 Α. In the past, the SMNG rate design has included an OGS customer class for residential and small commercial customers. The optional rate does not have a 9 10 monthly customer charge and instead offers a higher commodity charge for the 11 natural gas used in a billing period. The rate was created to curb seasonal 12 customer attrition caused by consumers that only use natural gas during the winter heating season and then will not pay their bills in the spring and summer when 13 14 only a monthly customer charge would be billed. The Company is proposing to 15 maintain the OGS rate for customers that are currently on the rate, and close the rate on a going forward basis in all rate areas, so no additional customers are 16 added. 17

WHY DOES SNG WANT TO ELIMINATE THE USE OF THIS RATE IN THE 18 Q. **FUTURE?** 19

20 Α. Because there is an inherent riskiness of this revenue stream for SNG. The 21 Company generally depends on monthly customer charges to recover a portion of its fixed costs, including meter costs, meter maintenance, and billing costs as an 22 10

example. Said another way, the monthly Customer Charge should cover the 1 customer specific costs associated with using natural gas service. The optional 2 OGS rate is inherently hazardous for the Company because the revenue streams 3 associated with this rate class are entirely dependent on factors such as weather 4 5 and customer usage, while SNG's costs that should be recovered by a customer б charge remain generally fixed. The closure of this rate going forward will not eliminate the risk to the revenue stream because there will still be a significant 7 number of customers in this rate class, as identified below. In addition, the risk to 8 9 the equity holder does not change because the rate is still being utilized by a third of existing SNG customers. 10

11 Q. HOW MANY SNG CUSTOMERS CURRENTLY UTILIZE THIS RATE?

- 12 A. At the end of the test year, the Company had 4,848 residential customers on the
- 13 OGS rate and 429 commercial customers on the OGS rate (See Schedule MAM-
- <u>2</u>). This OGS population equates to approximately 32% of all SNG customers
 (excluding transportation customers and inclusive of LOO customers).

16 Q. WILL ANYTHING CHANGE FOR THESE CUSTOMERS?

A. No. Customers that are currently on the OGS schedule will remain on whatever
 OGS schedule results from this case. Going forward, new customers will not be
 given the option to take service under the OGS rate.

20 Q. PLEASE EXPLAIN THE MANAGEMENT POLICY DECISION TO REDUCE THE

21 CUSTOMER CHARGE BELOW WHAT WAS INDICATED IN THE ALLOCATED

22 CLASS COST-OF-SERVICE STUDY.

1 Α. SNG witness Mr. Taylor's class cost-of-service study and rate design (See 2 Schedule KDT-3 and Schedule KDT-4, Exhibit 2) indicated that residential monthly customer charges should triple for the Gallatin and Rogersville Divisions, 3 quadruple for the Warsaw Division and increase by a factor of ten for the Branson 4 5 Division. The results of this study would have significantly increased the percent of б the Company's revenues that are recovered through the monthly customer charge charges in the current rate structure. SNG continues to compete with alternative 7 fuels, primarily propane, in all of its service territories. A high customer charge 8 9 makes it more difficult for customers to compare natural gas and propane prices. 10 As a result, management modified the proposed rates in order to maintain the 11 ratio of revenues collected from fixed monthly fees to approximately 12% of 12 revenues.

Q. WHAT IS THE RESULT OF THE RATE DESIGN THE COMPANY IS PROPOSING?

15 A. Table 1 provides the current and proposed rates.

	Customer Charge			Commodity Charge (Ccf)					
Customer Class	existing		р	proposed		existing		proposed	
Gallatin									
GS- residential	\$	15.00	\$	20.00	\$	0.4449	\$	0.7214	
GS-commercial	\$	15.00	\$	20.00	\$	0.4449	\$	0.7214	
CS	\$	24.53	\$	50.00	\$	0.5027	\$	0.6860	
LVS	\$	81.77	\$	300.00	\$	0.5027	\$	0.4045	
ISS	\$	204.42			\$	0.4415	\$	-	
TS	\$	204.42	\$	300.00	\$	0.5027	\$	0.4886	
Warsaw									
GS- residential	\$	15.00	\$	15.00	\$	0.5500	\$	0.9500	
GS-commercial	\$	15.00	\$	15.00	\$	0.5500	\$	0.9500	
CS	\$	30.00	\$	30.00	\$	0.6000	\$	1.0000	
LVS	\$	100.00	\$	100.00	\$	0.6000	\$	1.0000	
TS	\$	200.00	\$	100.00	\$	0.6000	\$	1.0000	
Rogersville									
GS-residential	\$	10.00	\$	20.00	\$	0.4660	\$	0.7396	
GS - residential - optional	\$	-	\$	-	\$	0.7060	\$	1.2055	
GS-commercial	\$	15.00	\$	40.00	\$	0.4630	\$	0.6848	
GS-commercial - optional	\$	-	\$	-	\$	0.7030	\$	1.2686	
LGS	\$	50.00	\$	50.00	\$	0.4300	\$	0.6067	
LVS	\$	300.00	\$	300.00	\$	0.4180	\$	0.5759	
TS (note 2)	\$	300.00	\$	300.00	\$	3.6900	\$	5.2063	
Branson									
GS-residential	\$	10.00	\$	20.00	\$	0.5660	\$	0.9396	
GS - residential - optional	\$	10.00	ې \$	20.00	ې \$	0.8060	ې \$	1.4055	
GS-commercial	\$ \$	- 15.00	\$	- 40.00	ې \$	0.5630	ې \$	0.8848	
GS-commercial - optional	\$	15.00	\$	40.00	\$	0.8030	\$	1.4686	
LGS	ې \$	- 50.00	ې \$	- 50.00	ې \$	0.8030	ې \$	0.8067	
LVS	ې \$	300.00	ې \$	300.00	ې \$	0.5300	ې \$	0.8007	
TS (note 1)	ې \$	300.00	ې \$	300.00	ې \$	4.7150	ې \$	7.2063	
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Table 1: Current and Proposed Rates

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Notes: (1) transportation rate proposed to a volumetric from a heating value basis.

1		IV. RETURN ON EQUITY
2	Q.	WHAT RETURN ON EQUITY IS SNG SEEKING?
3	Α.	The Company is seeking a return on equity of 12.00%
4	Q.	IS THIS THE ROE SUPPORTED BY THE COMPANY'S EXPERT WITNESS?
5	Α.	No. Company witness Mr. James Anderson recommends a 15% ROE in his direct
6		testimony.
7	Q.	DOES SNG HAVE CHARACTERISTICS THAT MAKE IT DIFFERENT FROM
8		OTHER MISSOURI LOCAL DISTRIBUTION COMPANIES?
9	Α.	Yes. SNG does not look similar to any other Local Distribution Company ("LDC")
10		in Missouri. SNG builds to, and provides service to, customers that otherwise
11		would not have had natural gas available due to difficult construction conditions
12		and the distance between customers. SNG witness Anderson's Direct Testimony
13		explains the higher risk associated with the Company's approach.
14	Q.	IF MR. ANDERSON SUGGESTS A 15% ROE, WHY IS SNG PROPOSING 12%?
15	Α.	While the Company believes the risks outlined in Mr. Anderson's testimony justify
16		an even higher return on equity, the Company is seeking an ROE of 12.00%
17		because it balances the interest of the ratepayers, our investors and of the market
18		for competitive fuels.
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20		V. TARIFF REVISIONS
21	Q.	IS THE COMPANY PROPOSING CHANGES TO ITS TARIFF STRUCTURE AS A

1 PART OF THIS RATE CASE?

2	A.	Yes. As further described in the direct	testimo	ny of Company witness Ms. Martha				
3		R. Wankum, SNG proposes to consc	lidate th	e current SNG tariff books, P.S.C.				
4		MO No. 1 (the tariff book formerly hel	ld by MG	SU and later adopted by SNG) with				
5		P.S.C. MO No. 2 (the tariff book forr	nerly he	ld by SMNG and later adopted by				
6		SNG), to form P.S.C. MO No. 3, a new tariff book for SNG.						
7	Q.	ARE THERE ANY TARIFF CHANGES SNG IS PROPOSING THAT YOU WOULD						
8		LIKE TO EXPAND ON?						
9	A.	Yes. Ms. Wankum introduces change	es to the	e names of the rate divisions. The				
10		similarity of the names of the various of	divisions	has caused some confusion in the				
11		past. In order to clarify the P.S.C. MO No. 3 the Company is proposing the						
12		following names changes.						
13		Table 2: SNG Divisio	on Name	e Changes				
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15		P.S.C. MO No. 1 (formerly MGU)		P.S.C. MO No. 3 (SNG)				
тJ		Northern Service Area	→	Gallatin Division				
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16 17		Northern Service Area		Gallatin Division				
16 17 18		Northern Service Area Southern Service Area Lake of the Ozarks Service Area	\rightarrow	Gallatin Division Warsaw Division Lake of the Ozarks Division				
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16 17 18 19 20		Northern Service Area Southern Service Area Lake of the Ozarks Service Area P.S.C. MO No. 2 (formerly SMNG) SMNG Legacy System	\rightarrow	Gallatin Division Warsaw Division Lake of the Ozarks Division P.S.C. MO No. 3 (SNG) Rogersville Division				
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1 maintaining service.

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Changes to balancing provisions, including a tiered cash-out
 provision. The imbalance tiers are set in five percent increments with
 determinants based on beginning storage weighted average cost of gas
 ("WACOG"), actual purchase WACOG, and the Purchase Gas Adjustment (PGA)
 in effect at that time. The new tariff language includes formulas for calculating
 positive and negative imbalances.

Revisions to the scheduling and nominations sections of the
 transportation tariff in order to make the process more consistent with those of
 pipeline suppliers.

• The removal of the billing service option.

In addition to these, revisions have also been proposed to the Missouri School
 Program Transportation Rate Schedule (Sheet Nos.45 - 49, P.S.C. MO No. 3).

Q. WHY ARE CHANGES TO THE MISSOURI SCHOOL PROGRAM BEING
 PROPOSED?

A. The Company agreed in Case No. GR-2012-0123 to work with Staff on revising
 these terms.

18 Q. WHAT CHANGES TO THE PROGRAM ARE BEING PROPOSED?

A. The Company is proposing to remove the term "Pilot" from the title of all school aggregation tariff sheets, as the Company no longer views this as an experimental tariff rate as it has been in place for several years. Other proposed changes

include general clean-up of the language in the availability section, and revisions

1 to the nomination and balancing procedures to make them consistent with the nomination and balancing procedures in the general transportation tariff. In 2 addition, revisions were made to the billing section in order to remove the 3 provision billing monthly commodity charges. The Capacity Release provisions 4 have been simplified to defer to the effective Pool Operator Agreement. All 5 б capacity release actions will be done in accordance with the Pool Operator Agreement on file. In addition, the Company is requesting to remove the reporting 7 requirements from the program. SNG provides information concerning the school 8 9 aggregation tariff in the annual ACA filings via Staff data requests. The reporting mechanism is duplicative of this process. 10 11 **VI. INTRODUCTION OF WITNESSES** 12 WHAT OTHER COMPANY WITNESSES ARE TESTIFYING IN SUPPORT OF 13 Q. 14 THIS RATE PROCEEDING? A list of Company witnesses and the subject matter of their testimony is provided 15 Α. 16 below. Ms. Martha R. Wankum, Manager, Regulatory Affairs for Summit Utilities, 17 Inc., will present the Company's proposal to consolidate existing Missouri tariff 18 19 books and request approval of a new residential energy efficiency incentive 20 program. 21 Mr. Kent D. Taylor, Chairman of KTM, will present the Company's class 22 cost of service principles and summary, as well as the classification categories 1 and rate design.

2		Mr. James M. Anderson, Senior Vice President of Municipal Capital
3		Markets Group, Inc. will sponsor the Company's proposed return on equity and
4		risk profile.
5		Mr. Tyson D. Porter, Regulatory Accountant for Summit Utilities, Inc. will
б		explain the Company's analytical process and present the revenue sufficiency
7		study.
8		Ms. Alicia L. Picard, Controller, Summit Utilities, Inc. will present the
9		Company's depreciation books and records.
10		Q. DOES THIS CONCLUDE YOUR DIRECT TESTIMONY?
11	Α.	Yes.

Statement of Qualifications

MICHELLE A. MOORMAN

I began my employment with Summit Utilities, Inc. in 2010. I am currently the Director of Regulatory Affairs. My responsibilities include oversight of the multijurisdictional department, and maintaining compliance with state and federal regulatory requirements as well as financial and environmental state statutes in multiple Divisions.

Prior to working at Summit Utilities, Inc. I was employed as a Case Specialist under the Regulatory and Government Affairs Department for Public Service Company of Colorado, a subsidiary of Xcel Energy Services, Inc. In that position, I was responsible for developing support and testimony and managing cases related to the company's renewable energy standards and policies.

From 2003 to 2008, I worked as a Production Engineer in natural gas, electric and hydro-electric generating facilities for Xcel Energy Service, Inc. In that position, I was responsible for analyzing failures and making recommendations as to the operating procedures of the generating facilities.

I earned my degree in Metallurgical and Material Engineering with minors in Economics and Public Affairs from the Colorado School of Mines, in Golden, Colorado.

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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In the Matter of Summit Natural Gas of Missouri Inc.'s Filing of Revised Tariffs To Increase its Annual Revenues For Natural Gas Service

Case No. GR-2014-0086

AFFIDAVIT OF MICHELLE A. MOORMAN

STATE OF COLORADO)		
) ss		
COUNTY OF JEFFERSON)		

Michelle A. Moorman, being first duly sworn on her oath, states:

1. My name is Michelle A. Moorman. I work in Littleton, Colorado and I am employed by Summit Utilities, Inc. as the Director of Regulatory Affairs.

Attached hereto and made a part of hereof for all purposes is my Direct 2. Testimony on behalf of Summit Natural Gas of Missouri, Inc. consisting of 21 pages, all of which have been prepared in written form for introduction into evidence in the above-referenced docket.

3. I hereby swear and affirm that my answers contained in the attached testimony to the questions therein propounded are true and correct.

Michelle A. Moorman

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 2nd day of January, 2014.

<u>En Campbell</u> Notary Public

2016 My commission expires:

