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REGULATORY REVIEW UTILITY SERVICES PROCUREMENT ANALYSIS

## SURREBUTTAL TESTIMONY

OF

PHIL LOCK

SUMMIT NATURAL GAS OF MISSOURI, INC.

CASE NO. GR-2014-0086

Jefferson City, Missouri August 2014

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6	Q. Please state your name and business address.		
7	A. Phil Lock, P.O. Box 360, Jefferson City, MO 6510	2.	
8	Q. Are you the same Phil Lock who filed rebuttal testin	nony in this case?	
9	A. Yes, I am.		
10	EXECUTIVE SUMMARY		
11	Q. What is the purpose of your surrebuttal testimony?		
12	A. The purpose of my surrebuttal testimony is to	respond to the rebuttal	
13	testimony of Louie R Ervin Sr. on behalf of the Missouri School Boards Association		
14	(MSBA).		
15	SCHOOL CUSTOMER CHARGE		
16	Q. On Page 7, Lines 14-15 of Mr. Ervin's rebuttal test	imony, Mr. Ervin indicates	
17	that schools participating in the Missouri School Program are	transportation customers.	
18	Do you agree with his assertion?		
19	A. No, I do not. Schools are not traditional transp	ortation customers. While	
20	certain provisions of SNG's transportation tariffs apply to the scl	nools, there is a section in	
21	SNG's tariffs that apply only to schools under the Missouri School Program customer class		
22	Mr. Ervin's rebuttal testimony offers no justification for classifying schools as transportation		

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1 customers. He fails to mention the following: (1) Schools that opted for the Missouri School 2 Program were former firm sales customers (General Service, Large General Service or Large 3 Volume sales service customers) and no changes have been made to the customer's facilities 4 (i.e. telemetry on customer meters) that may qualify them as transportation customers; 5 (2) Schools participating in this program are included in the "Missouri School Program" 6 section of the Company's transportation tariffs due to the unique characteristics of these 7 customers (i.e. low load factor customers, little or no telemetry on these customer meters, 8 smaller load requirements than transportation customers, etc.). These characteristics are not 9 typically representative of transportation customers; (3) If the school aggregation customers 10 are billed a \$50 monthly customer charge per district, as proposed by Mr. Ervin, the schools 11 would not be paying the full cost of the Company's meters and other facilities that the schools use. Therefore, Mr. Ervin's proposal would not be sufficient to generate revenue at 12 13 least equal to all incremental costs caused by the aggregation program, and would therefore 14 result in a negative financial impact on the Company. I have been advised by Staff counsel 15 that this may violate Section 393.310.5, which prohibits any negative financial impact on the 16 gas utility or its other customers as a result of the school aggregation program.

Q. Does SNG agree with Staff's customer charge proposal for schools in the
Missouri School Program?

A. Yes. On Schedule KDT-1 pages 2-3 of SNG witness Kent Taylor's rebuttal
testimony, SNG opposes Mr. Ervin's proposal of a \$50 monthly customer charge per district
and supports Staff's proposal which is described on Page 55 of Staff's Cost of Service
Revenue Requirement Report.

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Q. On Page 9 of Mr. Ervin's rebuttal testimony he recommended more than
 one transportation customer charge for the transportation class to more accurately assign
 intra-class costs. Do you agree with Mr. Ervin's proposal?

A. Staff does not necessarily oppose this proposal. However, this is a new
concept for SNG. A cost analyses would need to be conducted to determine whether the
schools are paying their full cost of service and to assure that no harm (negative financial
impact) is imposed on SNG's other customers as a result.

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### POOL OPERATOR CHARGES

Q. Are there other issues you wish to discuss?

Yes. In Staff's Class Cost of Service report filed June 13, 2014 (Sheet 19-20), 10 A. 11 I proposed that the Missouri School Transportation Service existing tariff sheet 18.2(f) for 12 SMNG and sheet 40(f) for MGU be modified to include the following language (changes 13 underlined): "The Pool Operator shall be responsible for pipeline imbalances on the LDC's 14 system, cash-outs, penalties, overrun gas charges or other charges it may create with the 15 pipeline suppliers. All balancing charges or balancing-related obligations shall be the 16 responsibility of the Pool Operator. Should the Pool Operator fail to satisfy such obligation, 17 each individual Shipper within such Pool Group shall remain responsible for their 18 obligations. The Pool Operator shall enter into a group balancing agreement with the 19 Company for a term of not less than one year. Revenues collected from cash-out charges, 20 imbalances, penalties, overrun charges and other similar charges the Pool Operator may 21 create will be credited back to the PGA/ACA account."

It is my understanding that SNG and MSBA are in agreement with this language forthe treatment of fees collected by the Pool Operators.

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- 1 Q. Does this conclude your surrebuttal testimony?
- 2 A. Yes it does

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#### **OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

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Case No. GR-2014-0086

#### AFFIDAVIT OF PHIL LOCK

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STATE OF MISSOURI ) ) SS. COUNTY OF COLE )

Phil Lock, of lawful age, on his oath states: that he has participated in the preparation of the foregoing Surrebuttal Testimony in question and answer form, consisting of <u>4</u> pages to be presented in the above case; that the answers in the foregoing Surrebuttal Testimony were given by him; that he has knowledge of the matters set forth in such answers; and that such matters are true and correct to the best of his knowledge and belief.

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Subscribed and sworn to before me this

day of August, 2014.

D. SUZIE MANKIN Notary Public - Notary Seal State of Missouri Commission Expires: December 12, 2016 My Commission Expires: December 12, 2016 Commission Number: 12412070

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