# BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the matter of the application of Summit	)		
Natural Gas of Missouri, Inc., for a certificate of	)		
convenience and necessity authorizing it to	)		
construct, install, own, operate, control, manage	)		
and maintain a natural gas distribution system to	)	Case No	
provide gas service in Pettis County and Benton	)		
County Missouri as a new certificated area	)		

## **APPLICATION**

COMES NOW Summit Natural Gas of Missouri, Inc. ("SNG" or "Applicant"), by and through its counsel, and as its Application pursuant to §393.170, RSMo (2000), 4 CSR 240-2.060 and 4 CSR 240-3.205, for a certificate of convenience and necessity ("CCN") for a natural gas distribution system and a service area, respectfully states as follows:

## THE APPLICANT

- 1. SNG is a wholly owned subsidiary of Summit Utilities, Inc., and is a corporation duly incorporated under the laws of the State of Colorado with its principal offices located at 7810 Shaffer Parkway, Suite 120, Littleton, Colorado 80127. A copy of a certificate from the Missouri Secretary of State that SNG is authorized to do business in Missouri as a foreign corporation was submitted in Case No. GA-2012-0285 and is incorporated by reference in accordance with Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.060(1)(G). Other than cases that have been docketed at the Commission, SNG has no pending action or final unsatisfied judgments or decisions against it from any state or federal agency or court within the past three (3) years that involve customer service or rates. SNG has no annual report or assessment fees that are overdue.
- 2. SNG conducts business as a "gas corporation" and a "public utility" as those terms are defined at § 386.020 RSMo and provides natural gas service in the Missouri counties of Harrison, Daviess, Caldwell, Pettis, Benton, Morgan, Camden, Miller, Dallas, Greene, Polk,

Webster, Laclede, Wright, Douglas, Texas, Howell, Stone, and Taney subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission as provided by law.

3. All correspondence, communications, notices, orders and decisions of the Commission with respect to this matter should be sent to the undersigned counsel and:

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## **SUMMARY**

4. SNG proposes to install a natural gas distribution system to provide natural gas sales and transportation service in Pettis and Benton County. SNG is requesting approval of installations in thirteen (13) sections -- Sections W ½ 5, 8-10 in Township 43 North, Range 23 West, in Pettis County and Sections 15, 16, 17, 20, 21, 28, 29, 32, 33 in Township 43 North, Range 23 West in Benton County. This is an area adjacent to existing SNG service territory, where SNG currently holds a certificate for natural gas service from the Commission.

#### AREA CERTIFICATE

- 5. The sections identified in this filing will be served by 2" and 4" HDPE. The Company intends to build a 4.4 mile mainline to connect to a chicken farm as well as additional customers along the length of the new mainline. SNG will be connecting onto existing 4" HDPE at Elm Branch and Swisher Road and going South into the aforementioned sections of new territory. The new mainline through this section follows utility right-of-ways, county roads or state highways. No other easements are necessary at this time.
- 6. For the area described above, SNG requests an order from the Commission granting it a certificate of convenience and necessity. SNG already has a certificate from the Commission to serve areas adjacent to the requested area, as shown in Appendix A. SNG stands ready, if necessary, to serve any additional potential customers in this section, under the terms of its Main Extension tariff, as set forth on Sheets 72 76
- 7. The legal description of the area to be certificated in Pettis County is as follows: Sections W  $\frac{1}{2}$  5, 8-10 in Township 43 N, Range 23 W
- 8. The legal description of the area to certificated in Benton County is as follows: Sections 15, 16, 17, 20, 21, 28, 29, 32 and 33 in Township 43 N, Range 23 W

#### PROJECT INFORMATION

- 9. The proposed service area is shown on the map attached hereto as Appendix A.
- 10. Attached hereto and marked as Highly Confidential Appendix B is a feasibility study containing a description of the plans and specifications for the project, to include the estimated cost of construction and an estimate of the number of customers, revenues and expenses during the first three years of operations. The rates for the proposed sections will be those currently approved and in effect for service provided in SNG's Southern Service Area.

- 11. SNG intends to finance this project though existing funds and indebtedness.
- 12. Construction methods will follow SNG's customary standards and the rules of the Commission. SNG plans to use the general terms and conditions of service found in SNG's currently approved tariffs, as supplemented by the rates described above.
- 13. Attached hereto and marked as Appendix C is a list of ten persons who reside, or own land, within the proposed service area.
- 14. The Applicant will not require any additional franchises or permits from municipalities, counties, or other authorities in connection with the proposed construction for this filing other than the usual and customary state highway, railroad and county road permits, which will be obtained prior to construction.
- 15. The area in which SNG is seeking to be certificated hereby is already developed. Service from a natural gas supplier is not available in this area at the present time. SNG has the ability to provide service in this area by construction of new facilities and SNG believes that potential new customers should be afforded the opportunity to take service from SNG if they so desire. These facts support a finding that a grant of this application is required by the public convenience and necessity.

WHEREFORE, Applicant requests an order from the Commission granting it a certificate of convenience and necessity to construct, install, own, operate, control, manage, and maintain a gas distribution system for the provision of natural gas service to the public pursuant to the proposed rates, and approved rules and regulations, in the Sections listed above in Pettis and

Benton Counties, in the State of Missouri.

Respectfully submitted,

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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

The undersigned certifies that a true and correct copy of the foregoing document was sent by electronic mail to the following counsel this 27<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2013:

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## **VERIFICATION**

State of Colorado	)
	) ss
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I, Michelle A. Moorman, having been duly sworn upon my oath, state that I am the Director of Regulatory Affairs of Summit Natural Gas of Missouri, Inc., and that I have knowledge of the matters stated herein, and that the matters and things stated in the foregoing Application and appendices thereto are true and correct to the best of my information, knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn before me this Aday of February, 2013.

Erin Campbell, Notary Public

My Commission Expues on 6/7/2016