#### STATE OF MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

At a session of the Public Service Commission held by telephone and internet audio conference on the 15th day of April, 2020.

In the Matter of the Application of Summit ) Natural Gas of Missouri, Inc. for a ) Temporary Variance from Rule and Tariff ) Provisions Relating to Reconnection of ) Service Fees and Motion for Expedited ) Treatment )

File No. GE-2020-0322

### **ORDER REGARDING APPLICATION FOR VARIANCE**

Issue Date: April 15, 2020

Effective Date: April 25, 2020

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, Summit Natural Gas of Missouri, Inc. seeks a temporary variance to allow the company to waive fees for reconnection of service. The Commission will grant Summit's application.

Summit filed an application on April 10, 2020, seeking a temporary variance of tariff provisions establishing fees for reconnection of service. Such fees are set by Summit's tariff Sheet No. 59. Summit also seeks waiver of Commission Rules 20 CSR 4240-13.050 and 20 CSR 4240-13.055, to the extent such rules may limit Summit's discretion to waive fees for reconnection of service. Summit requests such variance and waiver continue indefinitely until Summit determines business has returned to normal or near normal conditions. Summit proposes to provide at least 15 days' notice to customers before reinstating fees for reconnection of service. Summit requests the Commission approve its application as soon as possible.

Upon receiving Summit's application, the Commission directed its Staff and the

Office of Public Counsel to respond no later than 9 a.m. April 14, 2020. Staff submitted a timely response urging the Commission to approve the application without delay. Public Counsel did not respond.

The Commission will grant Summit's application. Given the urgency of the situation, the Commission will make this order effective in 10 days.

### THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. Summit Natural Gas of Missouri, Inc.'s Application for a Temporary Variance from Rule and Tariff Provisions Relating to Reconnection of Service Fees is granted.

2. Summit Natural Gas shall provide notice to the Commission at the same time it issues initial notice to customers that fees for reconnection of service will be reinstated.

3. This order shall be effective on April 25, 2020.



## **BY THE COMMISSION**

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Morris L. Woodruff Secretary

Silvey, Chm., Kenney, Rupp, Coleman, and Holsman CC., concur.

Jacobs, Regulatory Law Judge

STATE OF MISSOURI

OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

I have compared the preceding copy with the original on file in this office and I do hereby certify the same to be a true copy therefrom and the whole thereof.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the Public Service Commission, at Jefferson City, Missouri, this 15<sup>th</sup> day of April 2020.



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Morris L. Woodruff Secretary

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Enclosed find a certified copy of an Order or Notice issued in the above-referenced matter(s).

Sincerely,

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Morris L. Woodruff Secretary

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