# BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of Summit Natural Gas of	)	
Missouri Inc.'s Filing of Revised Tariffs	)	Case No. GR-2014-0086
To Increase its Annual Revenues For	)	
Natural Gas Service	)	

## **RESPONSE TO ORDER DIRECTING FILING**

**COMES NOW** Summit Natural Gas of Missouri, Inc. (SNGMO or Company), and, in response to the Order Directing Filing issued August 18, 2014, states as follows to the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission):

- 1. On August 18, 2014, the Commission issued an Order Directing Filing (Order), which, directed SNGMO to file a response identifying the governing body of each city or county that imposes a tax on the gross receipts of SNGMO. The Order further directed SNGMO to include a draft notice to the cities and counties that states the percentage increase approved and estimates the annual increase in gross receipts resulting from the tariff increase.
- 2. Attached as **Appendix A** is a spreadsheet providing the name of each governing authority imposing a gross receipts tax on SNGMO, as well as the franchise fees paid to that entity in the most recent twelve month period (10-2013 to 09-2014), the operating division applicable to the entity, the average rate increase authorized for that division, and the estimated annual increase in franchise fee for that entity.<sup>1</sup>
- 3. Attached as **Appendix B** is a draft notice that includes a provision for the applicable percentage increase and the annual increase in gross receipts.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Entities within SNGMO's Lake Division are not included as the Lake Division's rates were not at issue and were unchanged by this case.

**WHEREFORE**, SNGMO respectfully requests the Commission consider this response to comply with the Order Directing Filing issued August 18, 2014, and issue such further orders as it should find to be reasonable and just.

Respectfully submitted,

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# CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I do hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing document has been sent by electronic mail this 24<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2014, to:

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## **APPENDIX B**

#### **NOTICE**

Please be advised that Summit Natural Gas of Missouri, Inc. has been authorized a general rate increase by the Missouri Public Service Commission effective December 14, 2014. This notification is being provided in accordance with Section 393.275, RSMo, which requires notification to taxing authorities when any such increase exceeds seven percent.

The rate increase approved for	represents a perce	nt
(%) increase in SNGMO's rate within	It is estimated that this	s
will result in an annual increase in gross red	ceipts taxes of \$* for	

<sup>\*</sup>The estimated annual increase in franchise fees is based upon the franchise fees paid in the last twelve months multiplied by the average authorized rate increase for the applicable operating district. The actual increase in revenues for Summit Natural Gas of Missouri, Inc. and the corresponding increase in franchise fees for the municipality may vary significantly from this estimate based on many factors, including, but not limited to, customer counts by class for each municipality, customer usage, conservation, weather, special contracts, and customer bad-debt.