

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

In the Matter of Summit Natural Gas of)
Missouri, Inc. and Brightspeed of)
Missouri, LLC Concerning a Natural)
Gas Incident at the Craig-Hurt Funeral)
Home Garage in Mountain Grove,)
Missouri)

File No. GS-2025-0197

STAFF’S STATUS REPORT

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (hereafter the “Staff”), by and through counsel in response to the Commission’s June 16, 2025, *Order Directing Status Report and Granting Additional Time to File Response* states:

1. On January 6, 2025, Staff filed a *Motion to Open Case*, stating that Safety Engineering Staff (“Staff”) had investigated this matter, and drafted an Initial Report that was attached to this motion. The motion requested that the Commission open a case for the purpose of accepting Staff’s Initial Report, and that the Commission order Summit Natural Gas of Missouri, Inc. (“SNGMO”) and Brightspeed of Missouri (“Brightspeed”) to respond to Staff’s Initial Report. The motion further requested authority from the Commission to allow Staff to submit an advisory notice to wireline communication and video companies certificated or registered with the Commission; and approval for Staff to report the incident to the Missouri Attorney General’s Office (“AGO”) and provide a public copy of the investigation report to the AGO for purposes of further action by the AGO, if they so choose. A draft advisory notice was provided for Commission review as Appendix C.

2. On January 8, 2025, the Commission opened Case No. GS-2025-0197, accepted Staff's Initial Report, and ordered SNGMO and Brightspeed to file a response no later than February 7, 2025. The Commission additionally authorized Staff to submit an advisory notice the same as, or substantially similar to, Appendix C of Staff's motion to wireline communication and video companies certificated or registered with the Commission, and to provide a public copy of Staff's Initial Report to the AGO.

3. On February 7, 2025, SNGMO filed its *Response to Staff's Initial Report*.

4. On May 23, 2025, the Commission ordered that no later than June 16, 2025, Staff shall file a status report on this matter, including whether it intends to file a complaint against SNGMO and/or Brightspeed. The report shall also indicate whether Staff requests any further action by the Commission regarding a response by Brightspeed to Staff's initial incident report.

5. On June 13, 2025, Staff filed a Status Report indicating the actions taken by Staff since the inception of this matter and requested an extension till September 5, 2025 to file either a status report or response as to whether Staff will be filing a complaint against SNGMO and/or Brightspeed.

6. On June 16, 2025, the Commission issued an Order Directing Status Report and Granting Additional Time to File Response, which granted Staff an extension until September 5, 2025. The Commission additionally ordered that Brightspeed file a response to Staff's initial report no later than July 1, 2025, and that SNGMO provide documentation to Staff showing that it has completed the actions listed for items numbered 1-5 in Attachment A to SNGMO's Response to Staff's Recommendations filed on February 7, 2025.

7. On June 30, 2025, Brightspeed filed its Response to the Missouri Public Service Commission Staff's Initial Report.

8. On July 31, 2025, SNGMO provided documentation to Staff regarding completion of the actions listed for items numbered 1-5 in Attachment A to SNGMO's Response to Staff's Recommendation filed on February 7, 2025.

9. Since the filing of Staff's June 13, 2025 Status Report, Staff has completed the inspection of SNGMO's Distribution Integrity Management Program ("DIMP"), reviewed the documentation that SNGMO provided regarding completion of actions, and reviewed Brightspeed's response to Staff's Initial Report. Staff is currently working with SNGMO to address some concerns that arose during the DIMP inspection and Staff's review of SNGMO's documentation of completed actions.

10. Regarding whether it intends to file a complaint against SNGMO, Staff requests that the Commission grant Staff an extension until October 6, 2025, to continue to work with SNGMO to resolve the remaining concerns. SNGMO counsel was contacted and does not have objection to this request.

11. Regarding whether it intends to file a complaint against Brightspeed, Staff has reviewed Brightspeed's responses to Staff's Initial Report, completed its investigation and based on those responses, Staff does not intend to file a Complaint against Brightspeed.

WHEREFORE, for the above-stated reasons, Staff respectfully states it will not file a Complaint against Brightspeed and Staff requests the Commission grant Staff an extension until no later than October 6, 2025, to respond as to whether it intends to file a complaint against SNGMO; and to grant such other and further relief as the Commission considers just and reasonable under the circumstances.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been transmitted by electronic mail to counsel of record this 3rd day of September, 2025.

/s/ J. Scott Stacey