

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

In the Matter of the Application of Summit Natural Gas)
Of Missouri Inc., for Permission and Approval and a)
Certificate of Convenience and Necessity to Construct,)
Install, Own, Operate, Maintain, and Otherwise Control) **File No. GA-2017-0016**
And Manage a Natural Gas Distribution System to) **Tariff No. YG-2017-0237**
Provide Gas Service in Various Counties as an)
Expansion of its Existing Certificated Areas)

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission and files its recommendation in this case concerning Summit Natural Gas of Missouri, Inc.’s (“SNGMO” or “Company”) compliance tariff filing as set forth in the accompanying Staff Recommendation Memorandum (which is incorporated herein by reference), and further states as follows:

1. On May 12, 2017, SNGMO filed twelve tariff sheets intended to comply with the Commission’s Order of April 13, 2017, in which the Commission granted SNGMO’s amended application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity (“CCN”). Those tariff sheets contained a June 11, 2017, effective date. On May 15, 2017, the Commission issued an Order Nunc Pro Tunc to correct the April 13, 2017, Order to include Wright County. On May 22, 2017, the Commission issued an Order setting a May 30, 2017, deadline for the filing of recommendations or objections to SNGMO’s proposed tariff sheets.

2. On May 24, 2017, SNGMO filed an extension, moving the effective date of the tariff sheets from June 11, 2017, to June 30, 2017, to provide sufficient time to consider matters that had been identified by Staff. Also on that date, the Commission

issued an Order extending the deadline for parties to file recommendations or objections to Summit's tariff sheets to June 19, 2017.

3. As set forth in the accompanying Staff Recommendation Memorandum (which is incorporated herein by reference), during Staff's review of SNGMO's compliance tariff filing it was discovered that certain land sections reflecting SNGMO's previously-existing territory were not correct on the maps that were filed with SNGMO's amended application and attached to Staff's recommendation and also attached to the Order granting the CCN. It was also discovered that SNGMO's compliance tariff filing contained other errors. It should be noted that the errors Staff found on the maps attached to the Commission's Order were not related to the newly-approved CCN territory.

4. On June 9, 2017, and June 13, 2017, SNGMO filed substitute tariff sheets to correct the errors mentioned above. With the substitute tariff filings made by SNGMO, the maps and legal descriptions now filed are consistent with the Company's previously-existing tariffed territory and the newly-approved CCN.

5. On June 15, 2017, SNGMO filed a confirmation of Missouri Gas Energy's consent as ordered in the Commission's Order of April 13, 2017.

6. The Staff has verified that the Company has filed its annual report and is not delinquent on any assessment.

WHEREFORE, Staff recommends the Commission issue an order approving the following tariff sheets, originally filed on May 12, 2017, as substituted on June 9, 2017, and June 13, 2017, with an effective date of June 30, 2017 (as extended by SNGMO on May 24, 2017):

P.S.C. MO. No. 3

- 1st Revised Sheet No. 4 Canceling Original Sheet No. 4
- 1st Revised Sheet No. 4A Canceling Original Sheet No. 4A
- 1st Revised Sheet No. 4F Canceling Original Sheet No. 4F
- 1st Revised Sheet No. 4G Canceling Original Sheet No. 4G
- 1st Revised Sheet No. 4I Canceling Original Sheet No. 4I
- 1st Revised Sheet No. 4J Canceling Original Sheet No. 4J
- 1st Revised Sheet No. 4K Canceling Original Sheet No. 4K
- 1st Revised Sheet No. 2 Canceling Original Sheet No. 2
- 1st Revised Sheet No. 3 Canceling Original Sheet No. 3
- 1st Revised Sheet No. 3A Canceling Original Sheet No. 3A
- 1st Revised Sheet No. 3C Canceling Original Sheet No. 3C
- 1st Revised Sheet No. 3D Canceling Original Sheet No. 3D

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand-delivered, or transmitted by facsimile or electronic mail to counsel of record this 19th day of June, 2017.

/s/ Jeffrey A. Keevil

MEMORANDUM

TO: Missouri Public Service Commission Official Case File,
Case No. GA-2017-0016, File No. YG-2017-0237,
Summit Natural Gas of Missouri, Inc.

FROM: Byron M. Murray, Regulatory Economist, Tariff/Rate Design Unit,
Operational Analysis Department

/s/ Robin Kliethermes/June 19, 2017 /s/ Jeff Keevil/June 19, 2017
Tariff/Rate Design Unit Manager/Date Staff Counsel's Office/Date

SUBJECT: Staff Recommendation for Approval of Summit Natural Gas of Missouri, Inc.
Compliance Tariff Filing

DATE: June 19, 2017

On July 15, 2016, Summit Natural Gas of Missouri, Inc. (“SNGMO” or “Company”) filed an Application (Application) with the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Commission”), requesting that the Commission grant SNGMO a certificate of public convenience and necessity (“CCN”) authorizing it to construct, install, own, operate, maintain, and otherwise control and manage a natural gas distribution system to provide gas service in various counties as an expansion of its existing certificated areas. On August 10, 2016, SNGMO filed a motion for leave to amend its Application, along with certain amended appendices. The Commission granted the motion for leave to amend by Order issued August 12, 2016.

On April 13, 2017, the Commission issued an Order granting the CCN. On May 12, 2017, SNGMO filed twelve tariff sheets bearing an effective date of June 11, 2017, intended to comply with the Commission’s Order granting the CCN. On May 15, 2017, the Commission issued an Order Nunc Pro Tunc to correct the Commission’s April 13, 2017, Order to include Wright County.

On May 22, 2017, the Commission issued an Order setting a May 30, 2017, deadline for the filing of recommendations or objections to SNGMO’s proposed tariff sheets. On May 24, 2017, SNGMO filed a tariff extension moving the effective date of the tariff sheets from June 11, 2017, to June 30, 2017, to provide sufficient time to consider matters that had been identified by Staff.

On May 24, 2017, the Commission issued an Order extending the deadline for parties to file recommendations or objections to Summit’s tariff sheets to June 19, 2017.

On June 9, 2017, and June 13, 2017, SNGMO filed Substitute Tariff Sheets to correct certain errors. During Staff’s review of SNGMO’s compliance tariff filing it was discovered that certain land sections reflecting SNGMO’s previously-existing territory were not correct on the maps that were filed with SNGMO’s Application and attached to Staff’s recommendation and also attached to the Order granting the CCN. It was also discovered that SNGMO’s compliance filing

contained other errors. The errors Staff found on the maps attached to the Commission's Order were **not** related to the newly-approved CCN territory. With the substitute tariff filings made by SNGMO, the maps and legal descriptions now filed are consistent with the previously-existing territory and the newly-approved CCN.

On June 15, 2017, SNGMO filed Missouri Gas Energy's consent, in accordance with the terms of its Stipulation and Agreement in File No. GA-2007-0168 as ordered by the Commission in its April 13, 2017, order granting CCN in this case file.

The Commission's Tariffs/Rate Design Staff ("Staff") has reviewed the tariff sheets as substituted and has determined that they now properly reflect the Company's approved territory.

The Staff has verified that the Company has filed its annual report and is not delinquent on any assessment. Therefore, Staff recommends the Commission issue an order approving the following tariff sheets, filed on May 12, 2017, and as substituted on June 9, 2017, and June 13, 2017, with an effective date of June 30, 2017 (as extended by SNGMO on May 24, 2017):

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