BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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In the Matter of the Application of Summit Natural Gas of Missouri, Inc., for a Variance from the Provisions of Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-10.030(19)

Case No. GE-2018-0193

STATUS REPORT

COME NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission, Summit Natural Gas of Missouri (SNGMO), and the Office of the Public Counsel (OPC) (collectively the "parties") by and through counsel, and for their *Status Report* in this matter hereby state:

1. Summit Natural Gas of Missouri, Inc. (SNGMO) filed an *Application for Variance* January 15, 2018, requesting the Commission order a variance from 4 CSR 240-10.030(19) regarding gas meter inspection and testing procedures to ensure compliance with the requirements of section 18 of the same rule. The Commission ordered Staff to review the *Application* and file a recommendation or an alternative pleading, which Staff filed April 12, 2018. In its *Recommendation* Staff recommended rejecting the *Application* as filed, but permitting the parties to work towards an agreement. The Commission ordered the parties to work towards agreement and to file a status report no later than June 25, 2018.

2. The parties met June 18, 2018, to discuss and believe they are very near agreeing to terms. SNGMO intends to draft a proposed Stipulation and Agreement for circulation. The parties hope to file a finalized, signed agreement no later than July 25, 2018.

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WHEREFORE, The parties pray that the Commission will accept this *Status Report*; permit the parties to file either a Stipulation and Agreement or a pleading asking the Commission to close the file no later than July 25, 2018; and grant such other and further relief as the Commission considers just in the circumstances.

<u>/s/ Whitney Payne</u>

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served by electronic mail, or First Class United States Postal Mail, postage prepaid, on this 25th day of June, 2018, to all counsel of record.

<u>/s/Whitney Payne</u>