

**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 Approval | ) | <b><u>Case No. GO-2012-0322</u></b> |
| Of Its Cost Allocation Manual              | ) |                                     |

**JOINT STATUS REPORT**

**COME NOW** Summit Natural Gas of Missouri, Inc. ("Summit Natural Gas" or "Company"), the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Staff"), and the Office of the Public Counsel ("Public Counsel"), and jointly state as follows:

1. On May 24, 2012, the Commission issued its *Order Granting Joint Request Regarding Continuing Discussions*, approving Summit Natural Gas' request that the parties file monthly status reports until Summit Natural Gas files a Cost Allocation Manual ("CAM") acceptable to all parties, or until the parties notify the Commission that they are unable to reach an agreement. The Commission ordered the parties to file a monthly status report on the last working day of the month until otherwise ordered.

2. Summit Natural Gas filed its application in this case on March 28, 2012. Staff has reviewed the Company's responses to data requests, and Staff will continue to review the CAM filed in this case in relation to other cost allocation manuals filed in other cases<sup>1</sup> and will seek additional information from Summit Natural Gas, as needed.

**WHEREFORE**, the signatory parties submit their *Joint Status Report*.

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<sup>1</sup> AO-2012-0062, *In the Matter of the Application of The Empire District Electric Company and The Empire District Gas Company for Approval of their Cost Allocation Manual*. The parties continue to engage in productive discussions. See also GC-2011-0098, *The Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission, Complainant, v. Laclede Gas Company, Laclede Energy Resources and The Laclede Group, Respondents*, filed October 6, 2011. Negotiations have resumed in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand-delivered, transmitted by facsimile or electronically mailed to all counsel of record this 31<sup>st</sup> day of January, 2013.

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