

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

In the Matter of the Application of Summit)
Natural Gas of Missouri, Inc. for Approval)
Of Its Cost Allocation Manual)

File No. GO-2012-0322

STATUS REPORT

COME NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission, by and through the Staff Counsel's Office, Summit Natural Gas of Missouri, Inc., ("SNGMO"), and the Office of the Public Counsel ("Public Counsel") (collectively "the Parties") and hereby file their *Status Report* pursuant to the Commission's December 11, 2020, *Order Further Staying Proceedings and Ordering Status Report*. In support thereof, the Parties state as follows:

BACKGROUND

1. On August 26, 2019, Staff and SNGMO filed a *Joint Motion to Stay Proceeding*. A procedural schedule had been set in the instant case to address a new Cost Allocation Manual ("CAM"). Staff and SNGMO proposed staying the instant proceeding because File No. AW-2018-0394 will likely result in the initiation by the Commission of a formal rulemaking under Chapter 536 RSMo regarding changes to the Affiliate Transactions Rule ("ATR"). On August 28, 2019, Public Counsel filed its Response of the Office of the Public Counsel to the Joint Motion to Stay Proceeding. With qualifications, Public Counsel did not object to a stay of the proceedings.

2. On November 6, 2019, in File No. AW-2018-0394, Staff submitted a red-lined version of its revised draft ATR with explanations for each individual change. On November 7, 2019, the Commission issued its *Order Requesting Additional*

Responses, and on December 9, 2019, interested stakeholders submitted further comments.

3. On February 18, 2020, Staff filed its *Notice of Third Draft of Affiliate Transactions and HVAC Affiliate Services Rules*, in which it indicated that it believes its most recent version is ready to proceed towards the formal rulemaking process. In addition, Staff requested that the Commission issue an order or notice inviting interested stakeholders to file comments as to the costs of implementing Staff's proposed rules. The Commission did so on February 26, 2020. Since then the Parties have filed status reports on March 2, 2020, June 8, 2020, September 11, 2020, and December 11, 2020. On December 11, 2020, the Commission issued its *Order Further Staying Proceedings and Ordering Status Report* to be filed no later than March 12, 2021.

CURRENT STATUS & RECOMMENDATION FOR FURTHER STAY OF PROCEEDINGS

4. The Parties note that no further progress in the SNGMO CAM proceedings has occurred since the December 11th *Status Report*. Future progress in these CAM proceedings depend on achieving an eventual affiliate transactions rulemaking in File No. AW-2018-0394 and on the resolution of the customer information rule rulemaking in File No. AW-2018-0393. Both rulemaking cases have not progressed due to the pandemic emergency. Therefore, the Parties recommend the Commission continue its stay of the above-captioned SNGMO CAM proceedings. Staff and SNGMO point out to the Commission that SNGMO is not currently conducting affiliate transactions that would impact the company's Purchased Gas Adjustment (PGA) or its Actual Cost Adjustment (ACA).

WHEREFORE Staff, SNGMO, and Public Counsel pray the Commission will accept their March 12, 2021, Status Report and direct the parties to file another status report no later than July 12, 2021.

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 12th day of March 2021.

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