

**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-2018-0220
and Manage a Natural Gas Distribution System to Provide)
Gas Service in Daviess County as an Expansion of its)
Existing Certificated Areas)

**RESPONSE TO STAFF RECOMMENDATION
AND NOTICE OF DISMISSAL**

COMES NOW Summit Natural Gas of Missouri, Inc. (“SNGMO” or the “Company”) and, as its Response to Staff Recommendation and Notice of Dismissal, states as follows to the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Commission”):

1. SNGMO submitted its Application herein on February 8, 2018, and Staff filed its Report and Recommendation (“Staff Recommendation”) on May 22, 2018.

2. The Staff Recommendation suggests, in part, as follows:

Staff finds that SNGMO is qualified to provide the proposed service, and has the financial ability to provide the service. Staff also finds that there is evidence of a need for the service, since there is currently no provider of natural gas service in the Lake Viking area.

3. However, Staff went on to recommend denial of the Application based on its concerns about the “economic feasibility of the project” “given the project’s high relative cost, limited information regarding existing heat sources and underlying load potential.”

4. The Staff identified two specific concerns. First, it had concerns about the status of the following:

a) how many customers would be willing to sign up for gas service, b) what load is seasonal (summer-only) and, c) what type of usage could be expected (based on whether propane furnaces were the primary heat source (not secondary).

Second, Staff had concerns related to pipeline capacity.

5. As to the latter issue, SNGMO has additional information addressing the pipeline capacity issue that it has provided as a supplement to its data request responses.

6. As to the customer agreements and usage information, SNGMO would not seek to start construction until a sufficient number of customer agreements were in place to justify the proposed expenditure of funds. SNGMO has continued to add customer agreements during the course of this case and will continue this work going forward. However, after consideration of the Staff Recommendation, SNGMO will voluntarily dismiss this application at this time and refile its application as those customer agreements have progressed further.

NOTICE OF DISMISSAL

7. Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.116(1) states that a “... complainant may voluntarily dismiss an application or complaint without an order of the commission at any time before prepared testimony has been filed or oral evidence has been offered, by filing a notice of dismissal with the commission.”

8. Prepared testimony has not been filed; nor has oral evidence been offered.

9. Therefore, for the reasons stated herein, SNGMO provides this notice of its dismissal of the application in this matter without prejudice.

WHEREFORE, SNGMO respectfully requests the Commission recognize this Notice of Dismissal pursuant to Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.116(1).

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that the above and foregoing document was filed in EFIS on this 28th day of June, 2018, with notice of the same being sent to all counsel of record.


