

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of Summit Natural Gas of)
Missouri, Inc. and Brightspeed of Missouri,)
LLC Concerning a Natural Gas Incident at)
Craig-Hurt Funeral Home Garage in)
Mountain Grove, Missouri)

File No. GS-2025-0197

ORDER OPENING FILE AND DIRECTING RESPONSES

Issue Date: January 8, 2025

Effective Date: January 8, 2025

On January 6, 2025, the Staff of the Commission (Staff) filed a motion requesting the Commission open an investigation file regarding a natural gas incident that occurred on June 26, 2023, in Mountain Grove, Missouri. Staff states that the incident occurred when A&A Cable Contractors, Inc. was performing work on behalf of Brightspeed of Missouri, LLC (Brightspeed) by boring along West 4th Street in Mountain Grove when it struck the natural gas main of Summit Natural Gas of Missouri, Inc. (SNGMO), resulting in an explosion and fire and damage to a detached garage and two vehicles within the garage at the Craig-Hurt Funeral Home.

The motion states that Staff has conducted an investigation into the incident and drafted an initial report ("Staff's Initial Report").¹ Staff requests that the Commission open an investigative file to receive Staff's Initial Report and further asks the Commission to direct SNGMO and Brightspeed to respond to Staff's Initial Report.

Staff also requests authority from the Commission to submit an advisory notice (a draft of which is attached to Staff's motion as Appendix C) to wireline communication and

¹ The report (48 pages in length, including title page and table of contents) is titled, "*Missouri Public Service Commission; Staff's Incident Report; Craig-Hurt Funeral Home Garage; Mountain Grove, Missouri; June 26, 2023; Summit Natural Gas of Missouri and Brightspeed of Missouri, LLC; Industry Analysis Division, Safety Engineering Department; January 6, 2025 – Jefferson City, Missouri*". It was filed with Staff's motion.

video companies certificated or registered with the Commission. Further, Staff requests approval from the Commission to report the incident to the Missouri Attorney General's Office (AGO) and provide a public copy of Staff's Initial Report to the AGO in the event that the AGO chooses to pursue further action.

The Commission will grant Staff's motion, opening a file and directing the utilities to respond to Staff's Initial Report. The Commission will also authorize Staff to issue an advisory notice and to notify the AGO of the incident.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The Commission accepts Staff's Initial Report and opens this file for the receipt of additional reports and responses.

2. SNGMO and Brightspeed shall each file a response to Staff's Initial Report no later than February 7, 2025.

3. Any other responses to Staff's Initial Report shall be filed no later than February 7, 2025.

4. The Commission authorizes Staff to submit an advisory notice to wireline communication and video companies certificated or registered with the Commission. The advisory notice shall be the same as, or substantially similar to, Appendix C of Staff's motion.

5. The Commission authorizes Staff to report the incident to the Missouri Attorney General's Office (AGO) and to provide a public copy of Staff's Initial Report to the AGO.

6. This order shall be effective when issued.



BY THE COMMISSION

Nancy Dippell

Nancy Dippell
Secretary

Kenneth J. Seyer, Regulatory Law Judge,
by delegation of authority pursuant to
Section 386.240, RSMo 2016.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri
on this 8th day of January, 2025.

STATE OF MISSOURI

OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

I have compared the preceding copy with the original on file in this office and I do hereby certify the same to be a true copy therefrom and the whole thereof.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the Public Service Commission, at Jefferson City, Missouri, this 8th day of January 2025.



Nancy Dippell

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Secretary

MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

January 8, 2025

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Enclosed find a certified copy of an Order or Notice issued in the above-referenced matter(s).

Sincerely,



**Nancy Dippell
Secretary**

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