

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a session of the Public Service Commission held at its office in Jefferson City on the 11th day of June, 2025.

In the Matter of the Application of Summit Natural Gas of Missouri, Inc., for Approval of a Tariff Revision Related to the Equipment Rebate Program Pilot)))
))	<u>Case No. GT-2025-0271</u>
))	Tracking No. JG-2025-0144
)))

**ORDER APPROVING AGREEMENT AND
NOTICE THAT TARIFF SHEETS WILL GO INTO EFFECT**

Issue Date: June 11, 2025

Effective Date: June 14, 2025

On April 3, 2025,¹ Summit Natural Gas of Missouri, Inc. (SNGMO) filed an application and tariff sheets to extend its Equipment Rebate Program (ERP) Pilot through December 31, 2027. The tariff sheets bore an effective date of May 3, which SNGMO later extended to June 7. SNGMO also requested a waiver of the 60-day notice requirement of Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-4.017(1).

On April 22, the Staff of the Commission (Staff) filed its recommendation. Staff recommended that the Commission reject SNGMO's application, order SNGMO to cease issuing ERP rebates, and order SNGMO to submit an application for a general rate case.

On June 2, Staff and SNGMO (together, Signatories) filed a *Stipulation and Agreement* (Agreement). The Agreement stated that the Office of the Public Counsel

¹ All dates refer to 2025 unless otherwise indicated.

(OPC) affirmatively stated that it has no objection; however, OPC did not sign the Agreement.

Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-2.115(2)(B)-(C) states that failure to file a timely objection to an agreement constitutes a waiver of that party's right to a hearing and that the agreement may then be treated as unanimous. The time period has passed, and no objections or requests for hearing were filed. Therefore, the Commission will treat the Agreement as unanimous.

The Agreement

On June 2 and pursuant to the Agreement, SNGMO filed a substitute tariff sheet for Sheet No. 95 and also withdrew from consideration its proposed changes to Sheets Nos. 92-94. SNGMO also extended the effective date of Sheet No. 95 to June 14.

The Agreement states that the ERP Pilot tariffs shall no longer be effective after October 12, and that, as of that date, SNGMO will no longer allocate ERP program funds to the regulatory asset established by the tariff filing in Tracking No. JG-2019-0045. The Agreement also states that Sheet No. 95 will contain the termination date for the ERP tariff provisions that is 120 days from its June 14 effective date – that date being October 12.

The Signatories further agree that the recording of funds associated with this program to the regulatory asset account from January 1 through June 14 will be addressed in SNGMO's next general rate case.

Conclusion

As the parties seek a Commission determination based on the submitted Agreement, the Commission will not make any findings of fact or conclusions of law and

will instead base its decision on the Agreement.² After reviewing the pleadings and the Agreement, the Commission determines that its terms are a reasonable resolution of the issues addressed by the Agreement. The Commission will approve the Agreement and will order the Signatories to comply with the terms of the Agreement.

The Commission will grant SNGMO's request for waiver of the 60-day notice requirement under 20 CSR 4240-4.017(1). The Commission finds good cause exists for waiver pursuant to 20 CSR 4240-4.017(1)(D), based on the Company's verified declaration that it had no communication with the office of the Commission regarding substantive issues in the application within 150 days before filing its application.

The Commission also finds it reasonable to make this order effective in less than 30 days.

Tariff Sheet

The Commission has reviewed the tariff sheet filed by SNGMO on April 3, assigned Tracking No. JF-2025-0144, as substituted on June 2, and finds that the tariff sheet complies with the Agreement. The Commission gives notice that that tariff sheet will go into effect by operation of law on June 14. The tariff sheet going into effect is:

P.S.C. MO No. 3

2nd Revised Sheet No. 95 cancelling 1st Revised Sheet No. 95

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The 60-day notice requirement of Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-4.017(1) is waived for good cause.

² Section 536.060, RSMo (2016) allows for disposition of contested cases through stipulation; Section 536.090, RSMo (2016) states that cases disposed of by stipulation do not require findings of fact and conclusions of law.

2. The Agreement filed on June 2, 2025, is approved. The Signatories are ordered to comply with the terms of the Agreement. A copy of the Agreement is attached to this order.

3. This order will become effective on June 14, 2025.

4. This case shall be closed on June 15, 2025.



BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nancy Dippell".

Nancy Dippell
Secretary

Hahn, Ch., Coleman, Kolkmeier,
and Mitchell CC., concur.

Hatcher, Senior Regulatory Law Judge

**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)	<u>File No. GT-2025-0271</u>
Of a Tariff Revision Related to the Equipment)	JG-2025-0144
Rebate Program Pilot)	

STIPULATION AND AGREEMENT

COME NOW Summit Natural Gas of Missouri, Inc. (“SNGMO”) and the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Staff”) (collectively, the “Parties”), by and through counsel, and for their *Stipulation and Agreement* in this matter hereby state as follows to the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Commission”):

1. On April 3, 2025, SNGMO filed an *Application for Approval of Tariff Revision to Extend Equipment Rebate Program Pilot and Request for Waiver* to extend its Equipment Rebate Program (“ERP”) Pilot and tariff sheets associated with the ERP Pilot (Tracking No. JG-2025-0144). SNGMO’s Application also requested a waiver of the 60-day notice requirement set forth in 20 CSR 4240-4.017(1). On April 4, 2025, the Commission issued its *Order Setting Intervention Deadline and Directing Staff Recommendation* (“Order”); wherein, the Commission ordered any person or entity wishing to intervene shall do so no later than April 17, 2025, and Staff to file its recommendation no later than April 22, 2025. On April 22, 2025, Staff filed a *Recommendation for Rejection of the Application for Approval of Tariff Revision to Extend Equipment Rebate Program Pilot and Request for Waiver*. On April 25, 2025, SNGMO filed a *Motion for Extension* seeking additional time to respond to the *Staff Recommendation*, requesting a new deadline of no later than June 2, 2025. SNGMO also extended the effective date of the ERP tariff sheets to June

7, 2025. SNGMO has subsequently extended the effective date of the ERP tariff sheets to June 14, 2025.

2. The Parties have since reached this *Stipulation and Agreement*, which, if approved, would resolve all issues in this matter. Counsel for the Office of the Public Counsel (“OPC”) has further affirmatively stated that it has no objection to this *Stipulation and Agreement*.

TERMS

3. SNGMO shall withdraw P.S.C. MO 3, Sheets Nos. 92-94, and substitute P.S.C. MO 3, Sheet No. 95 in the form attached as **Appendix A**. Tariff Sheet No. 95 has a termination date for the ERP tariff provisions that is one hundred twenty (120) days from its June 14, 2025, proposed effective date (October 12, 2025).

4. The Parties agree that the ERP Pilot tariffs shall no longer be effective after October 12, 2025 and that, as of that date, SNGMO will no longer allocate ERP program funds to the regulatory asset established by the tariff filing in Tracking No. JG-2019-0045. The Parties agree that the recording of funds associated with this program to the regulatory asset account during the period January 1, 2025, through June 14, 2025, will be addressed in SNGMO’s next general rate case.

5. SNGMO acknowledges Staff’s recommendation regarding a rate case filing and has engaged in discussion with Staff on the matter. SNGMO acknowledges that a rate case filing will be undertaken by the Company in the future.

6. The Parties agree that this *Stipulation* does not prohibit the Company from pursuing alternative energy efficiency programs in the future.

APPROVALS

7. Based upon the Terms described above, the Parties agree and recommend that the Commission issue an Order waiving the 60-day notice requirement of Rule 20 CSR 4240-4.017(1) for good cause shown and approve the tariff authorizing SNGMO to extend the ERP Program until October 12, 2025, to become effective on June 14, 2025.

GENERAL PROVISIONS

8. Unless otherwise explicitly provided herein, none of the Parties shall be deemed to have approved or acquiesced in any ratemaking or procedural principle, including, without limitation, any method of cost of service or valuation determination or cost allocation, rate design, revenue recovery, or revenue-related methodology. Except as explicitly provided herein, none of the Signatories shall be prejudiced or bound in any manner by the terms of this Stipulation in this or any other proceeding.

9. This Stipulation has resulted from negotiations among the parties, and the terms hereof are interdependent and non-severable. If the Commission does not approve this Stipulation unconditionally and without modification, or if the Commission approves the Stipulation with modifications or conditions to which a party objects, then this Stipulation shall be void and none of the Parties shall be bound by any of the agreements or provisions hereof.

10. In the event the Commission accepts the specific terms of this Stipulation without condition or modification, the Parties waive their respective rights to present oral argument and written briefs pursuant to RSMo. §536.080.1 their respective rights to the reading of the transcript by the Commission pursuant to §536.080.2, their respective rights to seek rehearing pursuant to §386.500, and their respective rights to judicial review pursuant to §386.510. These

waivers apply only to a Commission order approving this Stipulation without condition or modification issued in this proceeding and only to the issues that are resolved hereby. These waivers do not apply to any issues explicitly not addressed by this Stipulation. The Parties agree that any and all discussions, suggestions, or memoranda reviewed or discussed, related to this Stipulation shall be privileged and shall not be subject to discovery, admissible in evidence, or in any way used, described or discussed.

WHEREFORE, the Parties respectfully request that the Commission issue an order approving all of the specific terms and conditions of this *Stipulation and Agreement*, and for such other and further relief as the Commission considers just and reasonable under the circumstances.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ J. Scott Stacey

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that true and correct copies of the foregoing were mailed, electronically mailed, or hand-delivered to all counsel of record on this 2nd day of June, 2025.

/s/ Dean L. Cooper

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 11th day of June 2025.



Nancy Dippell

Nancy Dippell
Secretary

MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

June 11, 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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