

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a session of the Public Service
Commission held at its office in
Jefferson City on the 5th day of
September, 2018.

In the Matter of the Application of Summit Natural)
Gas of Missouri Inc., for a Variance from the)
Provisions of Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-)
10.030(19))

File No. GE-2018-0193

ORDER APPROVING STIPULATION AND AGREEMENT

Issue Date: September 5, 2018

Effective Date: September 15, 2018

On January 15, 2018, Summit Natural Gas of Missouri Inc., (“SNGMO”) filed an application requesting a variance from Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-10.030(19). That rule requires that gas service meters be removed, inspected and tested at least once every 120 months, or more often as necessary. As an alternative, SNGMO proposes a variable interval method for testing meter accuracy that uses a set formula to help determine the number of meters to be tested annually.

SNGMO also asks for a waiver of the 60-day notice requirement of Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-4.020. In support of that request, SNGMO states that good cause exists for the waiver due to it having no communication with the office of the Commission within the prior 150 days regarding the substance of this application.

On August 15, 2018, SNGMO and the Staff of the Commission filed a Non-Unanimous Stipulation and Agreement (“Stipulation”). In the Stipulation, the signatories state that SNGMO should receive a variance from Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-

10.030(19). The Stipulation sets forth procedures for general meter testing, sampling, and reporting.

Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.115(2) allows parties seven days to object to non-unanimous stipulations and agreements. More than seven days have elapsed since SNGMO and Staff filed the Stipulation, and no party has objected. Thus, Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.115(2)(C) allows the Commission to treat the Stipulation as unanimous.

The Commission finds the Stipulation reasonable, and will approve it. The Commission also finds good cause to waive Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-4.020, and will waive it.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The Non-Unanimous Stipulation and Agreement is approved, and its signatories are ordered to comply with its terms.
2. Summit Natural Gas of Missouri, Inc. is granted a variance from Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-10.030(19) as described in Appendix A of the Non-Unanimous Stipulation and Agreement.
3. Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-4.020 is waived.
4. This order shall be effective on September 15, 2018.
5. This file shall be closed on September 16, 2018.



BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Morris L. Woodruff".

Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

Hall, Chm., Kenney, Rupp, Coleman, and
Silvey, CC., concur.

Pridgin, Deputy Chief Regulatory Law Judge