

June 21, 2024

SUMMIT NATURAL GAS OF MAINE, INC.
Request for Approval of Tariff Changes to
Implement Gas Cost Adjustment Mechanism

NOTICE OF PROCEEDING,
SUPPLEMENTAL FILING,
NOTICE DIRECTIVES AND
INITIAL SCHEDULE

I. DESCRIPTION OF FILING

On June 14, 2024, Summit Natural Gas of Maine, Inc. (Summit or the Company) filed for approval proposed changes to its Gas Cost Adjustment Terms and Conditions (T&C) Sheets 87 through 89 for effect July 14, 2024.¹ Summit states that the proposed changes to its mechanism are intended to track changes in market prices more closely, as well as modify its cost of gas adjustment (CGA) rate-making structure as “a pre-approved formulaic rate adjustment mechanism.” Letter at 1.

Summit proposes that, starting the month of November 2024, the Company will file its updated commodity costs for the upcoming months five business days prior to the first of the month and each month thereafter. Summit further proposes to set capacity costs and deferred gas costs as part of its annual cost of gas proceeding that is filed on July 15th each year.

II. PROCEDURAL DIRECTIVES AND SCHEDULE

To aid Staff and parties in understanding the changes with greater specificity, Summit is requested to provide a textual discussion of the proposed changes, how they modify current provisions, and an explanation as to what objective the change is intended to serve. Summit should supply this information by **July 2, 2024**. In addition, to the extent that the details of its proposed mechanism are consistent with the information Summit shared with Staff and parties at a March 14, 2024 technical conference in Docket No. 2023-00168, the Hearing Examiners propose that the portion of the transcript of that proceeding that relates to the mechanism be incorporated into the record of this proceeding. Summit should confirm whether this filing is consistent with that presentation and identify the portion of the March 14th transcript that is applicable to this filing, if any. The parties will be invited to provide their views on incorporation of that information into this record at the initial case and technical conference.

Persons seeking to intervene in this proceeding must file a written petition to intervene that complies with Chapter 110 (8)(B) by July 8, 2024 and

¹ In its letter, Summit states that it is amenable to the Commission suspending the tariff Sheets to allow more time for review. Letter at 1, Footnote 1.

register in this docket on the Commission's Case Management System (CMS), through the link provided on the Commission's website. The Commission may suspend the proposed effective date of the schedules if additional time is required to complete its investigation of this matter.

To help ensure that affected customers are aware of this proceeding and are provided an opportunity to comment on Summit's proposed changes, Summit is directed to post a copy of this notice in a prominent place on its website. Such notice should be completed by **June 25, 2024**.

An initial case and technical conference will be held on **Tuesday, July 9, 2024 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.** for exploration of the information Summit has supplied and to set a schedule for resolution of this matter. Persons wishing to participate telephonically should dial the Commission's Telebridge line at 1-877-455-0244 and use conference code 817286003#.

This Notice is provided under authority of 35-A M.R.S. sections 4703 and 4706. In addition to the Company's website posting directive, this Notice will be served electronically on persons on the notification lists of Summit's most recent cost of gas proceedings (2022-00214 and 2023-00168).

Dated at Hallowell, Maine this 21st day of June, 2024.

BY ORDER OF THE HEARING EXAMINERS

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