

APSC Docket No. 23-079-U

In the Matter of the Application of Summit Utilities Arkansas, Inc., for a General Change or Modification in its Rates, Charges, and Tariffs

On January 25, 2024, Summit Utilities Arkansas, Inc., (Summit) filed its application for rate case. The Parties that have participated in the docket include Summit, the General Staff of the Arkansas Public Service Commission (General Staff), Arkansas Gas Consumers, Inc., (AGC), Attorney General of Arkansas (AG), and Hospitals and Higher Education Group (HHEG).

On July 10, 2024, the following Direct Testimonies were filed in response to Summit's application:

Jonathan Ly, Witness for AGC
Billie LaConte, Witness for AGC
Jeff Hilton, Witness for General Staff
Middleton Ray, Witness for General Staff
Michael Pitts, Witness for General Staff
Claude Robertson, Witness for General Staff
Dan Daves, Witness for General Staff
Robert Swaim, Witness for General Staff
Mark Burdette, Witness for General Staff
Larry Blank, Witness for HHEG
Dante Mugrace, Witness for the AG
Richard Porter, Witness for the AG
Michael Majoros, Witness for the AG

On August 7, 2024, the following Rebuttal Testimonies were filed by Summit:

Kurt Adams, Witness for Summit
Phillip Gilliam, Witness for Summit
Fred Kirkwood, Witness for Summit
Vernon McNully, Witness for Summit
Paul Schulte, Witness for Summit
Craig Root, Witness for Summit
Sam Springer, Witness for Summit
Dylan D'Ascendis, Witness for Summit
Timothy Lyons, Witness for Summit
Dane Watson, Witness for Summit

On September 9, 2024, the following Surrebuttal Testimonies were filed in response to Summit's Rebuttal Testimonies:

Jonathan Ly, Witness for AGC
Billie LaConte, Witness for AGC
Larry Blank, Witness for HHEG
Jeff Hilton, Witness for General Staff
Don Malone, Witness for General Staff
Middleton Ray, Witness for General Staff
Michael Pitts, Witness for General Staff
Claude Robertson, Witness for General Staff
Dan Daves, Witness for General Staff
Robert Swaim, Witness for General Staff
Mark Burdette, Witness for General Staff

Marlon Griffing, Witness for the AG
Michael Majoros, Witness for the AG
Dante Mugrace, Witness for the AG
Richard Porter, Witness for the AG

On September 20, 2024, the following Sur-surrebuttal Testimonies were filed by Summit:

Kurt Adams, Witness for Summit
Phillip Gilliam, Witness for Summit
Fred Kirkwood, Witness for Summit
Vernon McNully, Witness for Summit
Paul Schulte, Witness for Summit
Craig Root, Witness for Summit
Sam Springer, Witness for Summit
Dylan D'Ascendis, Witness for Summit
Timothy Lyons, Witness for Summit
Dane Watson, Witness for Summit

On October 4, 2024, all of the parties filed a Joint Motion for Extension of Time. In the filing, the Joint Parties explained that they had reached a settlement agreement in principle, but requested additional time to reduce the agreement to paper and to file supporting Settlement Testimonies. This motion was granted by the Commission.

On October 7, 2024, all of the parties filed a unanimous Joint Motion to Approve Settlement Agreement.

Summit Application

Settlement Agreement

Total Increase: \$104,679,427

Total Increase: \$87,684,216

Percentage Increase: %29.40

Percentage Increase: 23.42%

Avg/Month Increase: \$18.48

Avg/Month Increase: \$15.43

Return on Equity: 11.00%

Return on Equity: 9.85%

The following supporting Settlement Testimonies were filed simultaneously:

Michael Marchand, Witness for General Staff
Jeff Hilton, Witness for General Staff
Phillip Giliam, Witness for Summit
Clay Layson, Witness for the AG
Larry Blank, Witness for HHEG
Billie LaConte, AGC

On October 15, 2024, the Commission held an evidentiary hearing. The hearing was continued and completed on **October 23, 2024**.

Public comment hearings were held on **October 22, 2024**, and **October 24, 2024**.

The Commission will issue an order no later than **November 22, 2024**.