

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

Office of the Public Counsel,	)	
	)	
Complainant,	)	
	)	
v.	)	<b><u>File No. GC-2016-0297</u></b>
	)	
Laclede Gas Company and	)	
Missouri Gas Energy	)	
	)	
Respondents.	)	

**ORDER DIRECTING FILING**

Issue Date: September 30, 2016

Effective Date: September 30, 2016

On April 27, 2016<sup>1</sup>, the Office of the Public Counsel (“OPC”) filed a complaint with the Missouri Public Service Commission against Laclede Gas Company (“Laclede”) and Missouri Gas Energy (“MGE”) (collectively, “Respondents”). The complaint alleges that Respondent’s rates are excessive and should be reduced.

On September 29, OPC filed a Motion to Stay Proceedings. In that motion, OPC explains that its discovery in this case leads it to believe that staying this complaint would be in the public interest. OPC believes a general rate case, which Laclede plans to file by April, 2017, is the better way to address the issues.

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<sup>1</sup> Calendar references are to 2016.

The Commission will allow time for responses to OPC's motion. Because the current procedural schedule requires OPC to file testimony by October 12, the Commission will shorten the time for response to the motion.

**THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:**

1. Any responses to the Office of Public Counsel's Motion to Stay Proceedings shall be filed no later than October 4, 2016.
2. This order shall be effective when issued.



**BY THE COMMISSION**

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Morris L. Woodruff". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Morris L. Woodruff  
Secretary

Ronald D. Pridgin, Deputy Chief Regulatory  
Law Judge, by delegation of authority  
pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,  
on this 30<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2016.