

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

In the Matter of the Application of Laclede Gas)
Company to Change its Infrastructure System) **File No. GO-2017-0201**
Replacement Surcharge in its Missouri Gas) Tariff No. YG-2017-0157
Energy Service Territory)

In the Matter of the Application of Laclede Gas)
Company to Change its Infrastructure System) **File No. GO-2017-0202**
Replacement Surcharge in its Laclede Gas) Tariff No. YG-2017-0156
Service Territory)

**ORDER DIRECTING NOTICE, SETTING INTERVENTION DEADLINE,
DIRECTING FILING, GRANTING MOTIONS, AND SUSPENDING TARIFF**

Issue Date: February 10, 2017

Effective Date: February 10 2017

On February 3, 2017, Missouri Gas Energy, an operating unit of Laclede Gas Company (MGE) and Laclede Gas Company (Laclede) each filed verified applications and petitions to change their infrastructure system replacement surcharges (ISRS) and proposed tariff sheets to implement those changes. Additionally, MGE and Laclede filed motions asking the Commission to direct the Office of the Public Counsel (Public Counsel) to file its recommendations regarding the ISRS filings within 60 days. MGE and Laclede also asked the Commission to direct them to provide any updated information to the Public Counsel at the same time they provide that information to the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff). On February 9, 2017, Public Counsel replied and filed a motion to reduce certain response times for discovery.

Section 393.1015.2(3), RSMo, requires that the Commission act on the applications no later than 120 days after the petitions were filed; therefore, the Commission must issue an order regarding the application effective no later than

June 3, 2017. Additionally, Section 393.1015.1(2), RSMo, requires that the Commission publish notice of the filings. Therefore, the Commission will give notice of this application to the general public and any interested persons and set other procedural deadlines.

Section 393.1015.2(2), RSMo, allows Staff to examine the applications and submit a report of its examination no later than 60 days after the petitions were filed. Consequently, the Commission will establish a deadline for Staff to file a recommendation regarding MGE and Laclede's applications. Further, the Commission will grant the motions filed by MGE and Laclede with regard to requiring that Public Counsel file any objections or recommendations within the same 60-day time frame as Staff. The Commission will also set a time for responses to any of those filings.

Public Counsel also moved that various discovery times be shortened. Public Counsel indicated that with the shortened discovery times it had no objection to filing its responses within 60 days. Given the expedited nature of these proceedings and that the Commission has reduced discovery times in a similar manner in other cases with success, the Commission will grant the motion of Public Counsel and set shortened discovery deadlines.

Concurrently with the applications, MGE and Laclede filed revised tariff sheets to implement the changes to their ISRSs. Unless the Commission acts to suspend those tariff sheets, they will become effective on March 5, 2017. In order for the Commission to have adequate time to consider MGE and Laclede's applications, the revised tariff sheets will be suspended.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The Commission's Data Center shall serve notice on the county commission, or equivalent governmental body, of all of the counties within, Missouri Gas Energy and Laclede Gas Company's service areas.

2. The Data Center shall also mail a copy of this notice to the parties in Missouri Gas Energy and Laclede Gas Company's last general rate cases, File Nos. GR-2014-0007 and GR-2013-0171.

3. The Commission's Public Policy and Outreach Department shall make notice of this order available to the media serving Missouri Gas Energy and Laclede Gas Company's service areas and to the members of the General Assembly representing those service areas.

4. Any entity wishing to intervene in this matter shall file an application to do so no later than February 22, 2017.

5. No later than March 4, 2017, the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission shall file its recommendation in this matter.

6. The motions of Missouri Gas Energy and Laclede Gas Company for an order directing the Office of the Public Counsel to file its recommendations regarding the applications and petitions within 60 days is granted as set out herein.

7. No later than March 4, 2017, the Office of the Public Counsel and any other party shall file any objections or hearing requests in this matter.

8. The motion of the Office of the Public Counsel to shorten discovery times is granted.

9. The response times for discovery are modified as follows:

- For data requests issued after this order, the discovery response time is reduced to fifteen (15) days to answer and eight (8) days to object or provide reasons for a party's inability to answer.
- For discovery based on the supporting documentation provided for the January and February 2017 project costs, discovery response time is modified to ten (10) days to answer and five (5) days to object or provide reasons for a party's inability to answer.

10. Missouri Gas Energy and Laclede Gas Company shall respond to Commission Staff's recommendation or any other objections or recommendations no later than April 14, 2017.

11. Any other party wishing to respond or object to the Commission Staff's recommendation or other objections or recommendations shall do so no later than April 14, 2017.

12. The tariff sheet filed by Missouri Gas Energy on February 3, 2017, and assigned tariff tracking number YG-2017-0157, is suspended until June 3, 2017. The tariff sheet suspended is:

P.S.C. MO. No. 6
8th Revised Sheet No. 10, Canceling 7th Revised Sheet No. 10

13. The tariff sheet filed by Laclede Gas Company on February 3, 2017, and assigned tariff tracking number YG-2017-0156, is suspended until June 3, 2017. The tariff sheet suspended is:

P.S.C. MO. No. 5 Consolidated, 28th Revised Sheet No. 12
Canceling P.S.C. MO. No. 5 Consolidated, 27th Revised Sheet No. 12

14. This order shall be effective when issued.



BY THE COMMISSION

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

Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

Nancy Dippell, Regulatory Law Judge,
by delegation of authority pursuant
to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 10th day of February, 2017.