BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application of Missouri Gas Energy, a Division of Laclede Gas Company, for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity Authorizing It to Construct, Install, Own, Operate, Control, Manage and Maintain a Natural Gas Distribution System to Provide Gas Service in Lawrence County, Missouri, as an Expansion of Its Existing Certified Area

File No. GA-2014-0232

STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE TARIFF SHEETS AS IN COMPLIANCE WITH COMMISSION ORDER

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission, by and through undersigned counsel, and for its recommendation to approve the compliance tariff sheets filed on April 29, 2014¹, by Missouri Gas Energy, a division of Laclede Gas Company ("MGE" or "Company") in this matter respectfully states:

1. On April 16, the Commission issued its *Order Granting Certificate of Convenience and Necessity* authorizing MGE to construct, install, own, operate, control, manage and maintain a natural gas distribution system to provide gas service in Lawrence County, Missouri as an expansion of its existing certificated area. The *Order*, among other things, required MGE to file revised tariff sheets that included the newly certificated service area granted by the *Order* within thirty days of the issue date.

2. On April 29, MGE filed two revised tariff sheets² to comply with the *Order*.

3. Staff has reviewed the tariff sheets and finds that they comply with the Commission's April 16 *Order*. Staff's *Memorandum*, attached hereto as Appendix A and incorporated herein by reference, recommends the Commission approve MGE's request to approve the tariff sheets to take effect on May 29.

¹ All dates herein refer to 2014 unless otherwise stated.

² The tariff sheets have been assigned Tariff Tracking No. YG-2014-0435.

4. Staff has verified that Laclede Gas Company has filed its annual report

and is not delinquent on any assessment. Staff is not aware of any other matter before

the Commission that affects or is affected by this filing.

WHEREFORE, Staff recommends the Commission approve the compliance tariff

sheets filed by MGE on April 29, 2014, to become effective May 29, 2014:

P.S.C. MO. No. 6

Original SHEET No. 6.13 Canceling P.S.C. MO No. 1 Fourth Revised SHEET No. 6.13 Original SHEET No. 7 Canceling P.S.C. MO No. 1 Eight Revised SHEET No. 7

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Akayla J. Jones

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that true and correct copies of the foregoing were served electronically to all counsel of record this 5th day of May, 2014.

<u>/s/ Akayla J. Jones</u>

<u>MEMORANDUM</u>

TO: Missouri Public Service Commission Official Case File, Case No. GA-2014-0232, File No. YG-2014-0435, Missouri Gas Energy, a division of Laclede Gas Company
FROM: Kim Cox, Energy Unit– Tariff, Safety, Economic and Engineering Analysis Department /s/ Thomas M. Imhoff 5/5/2014 /s/ Akayla J. Jones 5/5/2014 Energy Unit/Date Staff Counsel's Office/Date
SUBJECT: Staff Recommendation for Approval of Missouri Gas Energy's Compliance Tariff Filing
DATE: May 5, 2014

On February 19, 2014, Missouri Gas Energy (MGE or Company), a division of Laclede Gas Company, filed an <u>Application</u> (Application) with the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission), requesting that the Commission grant MGE a certificate of public convenience and necessity (CCN) authorizing it to construct, install, own, operate, control, manage and maintain a natural gas distribution system to provide gas service in Lawrence County (Section 9 Township 26 North Range 28 West), Missouri, as an expansion of its existing certificated area. On April 16, 2014, the Commission issued an Order granting the CCN. On April 29, 2014, the Company filed two tariff sheets reflecting the Commission's granting of the CCN request, bearing an effective date of May 29, 2014.

The Commission's Tariffs/Rate Design Energy Staff (Staff) has reviewed the filed tariff sheets and believes they comply with the Commission's Order. Therefore, Staff recommends that the Commission approve the tariff sheets, or, in the alternative, allow these tariff sheets to go into effect by operation of law.

The Staff has verified that the Company has filed its annual report and is not delinquent on any assessment. Staff is not aware of any other matter before the Commission that affects, or is affected by, this filing.

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AFFIDAVIT OF KIM COX

STATE OF MISSOURI)) ss COUNTY OF COLE)

Kim Cox of lawful age, on oath states: that she participated in the preparation of the foregoing Staff Recommendation in memorandum form, to be presented in the above case; that the information in the Staff Recommendation was provided to her; that she has knowledge of the matters set forth in such Staff Recommendation; and that such matters are true to the best of her knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this $5\frac{51}{2}$ day of May, 2014.

