

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a session of the Public Service Commission held at its office in Jefferson City on the 13th day of May, 2015.

In the Matter of the Verified Application and Petition)	
of Missouri Gas Energy, an Operating Unit of)	<u>File No. GO-2015-0270</u>
Laclede Gas Company, to Change Its Infrastructure)	Tariff No. YG-2015-0306
System Replacement Surcharge in Its Missouri)	
Gas Energy Service Territory)	

**ORDER REGARDING ADJUSTED ISRS RATES AND GRANTING
MOTION FOR EXPEDITED TREATMENT**

Issue Date: May 13, 2015

Effective Date: May 22, 2015

On April 17, 2015, Missouri Gas Energy (“MGE”), an operating unit of Laclede Gas Company, filed a verified application with the Commission under Sections 393.1009, 393.1012, and 393.1015¹ requesting that the Commission authorize the company to adjust its Infrastructure System Replacement Surcharge (“ISRS”) for its Missouri Gas Energy Service Territory. MGE’s request to change its ISRS rates was accompanied by an implementing tariff with a May 22 effective date. MGE’s verified application is a re-filing of an ISRS application that was previously filed on January 30, in File No. GO-2015-0179. That previous application was withdrawn through a *Joint Notice of Voluntary Dismissal Without Prejudice* on April 15.

In its current ISRS application, MGE seeks to adjust its ISRS rate schedule to reflect costs incurred in connection with ISRS-eligible infrastructure system replacements made during the period of September 1, 2014 through February 28, 2015. The specific

¹ All statutory references are to the 2000 Missouri Revised Statutes, as cumulatively supplemented.

infrastructure system replacements for which MGE seeks ISRS recognition are set forth in Appendix A of the company's application.

Section 393.1015.1(2), requires the Commission publish notice of MGE's ISRS filing. Therefore, on April 20, the Commission directed that notice of the filing be mailed to the county commissions of the counties served by MGE. The Commission also directed that notice be given to the media in MGE's service territory and to the members of the General Assembly representing that area. In that same order, the Commission directed that any person wishing to intervene in this matter file an application to intervene no later than April 30. The Commission received no intervention requests.

The Staff of the Commission filed its recommendation on May 1, recommending the Commission reject MGE's tariff sheet and approve Staff's recommended ISRS revenue of \$2,814,926, for a total cumulative ISRS revenue requirement of \$4,805,222.

MGE responded on May 11, stating that it agreed with and accepted Staff's recommendation. MGE filed a substitute tariff to reflect the incremental ISRS revenue requirement that it and Staff agreed upon. MGE also filed an amended motion for expedited treatment requesting the Commission authorize a May 22 effective date for its substitute tariff. In its amended motion, MGE states that it discussed its motion with counsel for Staff and the Office of the Public Counsel ("OPC") and that Staff did not object. On May 12, OPC filed a reply stating that it does not oppose an expedited order approving Staff's recommendation.²

MGE's amended motion for expedited treatment requests the Commission approve changes to its ISRS to go into effect on May 22. MGE points out that this filing contains

² OPC does state that its non-opposition should not be considered an agreement to the actual ISRS amounts as being just and reasonable and that Public Counsel retains the right to challenge the costs in MGE's next rate case.

information available in the previous filing for File No. GO-2015-0179. In addition, neither Staff nor OPC objects to the request for expedited treatment.

Based on MGE's application and Staff's recommendation, the Commission concludes that MGE should be permitted to adjust its ISRS rates. The substitute tariff sheet submitted by MGE (Tariff No. YG-2015-0306) is approved. The Commission further finds that good cause exists for MGE to be excused from the statutory requirement for tariffs to have a 30-day effective date.³

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. Staff's recommended ISRS rates, as reflected in Appendix B to *Staff Recommendation to Approve Tariff Sheets*, is approved.
2. The tariff sheet originally filed by MGE on April 17, 2015 and substituted on May 11, 2015, assigned Tariff No. YG-2015-0306, is approved to go into effect on May 22, 2015.
3. This order shall be effective on May 22, 2015.

BY THE COMMISSION



A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Morris L. Woodruff".

Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

R. Kenney, Chm., Stoll, W. Kenney,
Hall, and Rupp, CC., concur.

Burton, Regulatory Law Judge.

³ Section 393.140(11).