

**STATE OF MISSOURI  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a session of the Public Service Commission held at its office in Jefferson City on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2014.

In the Matter of the Application of Missouri Gas Energy, a Division of Laclede Gas Company, For Approval to Change its Infrastructure System Replacement Surcharge	)	<b><u>File No. GO-2014-0179</u></b>
	)	Tariff No. YG-2014-0359
	)	Tariff No. YG-2014-0319
	)	Tariff No. YG-2014-0244

**ORDER APPROVING STIPULATION AND AGREEMENT REGARDING  
INFRASTRUCTURE SYSTEM REPLACEMENT SURCHARGE AND  
APPROVING TARIFF**

Issue Date: March 19, 2014

Effective Date: March 21, 2014

On December 6, 2013, Missouri Gas Energy, a Division of Laclede Gas Company (MGE) filed an application and petition with the Missouri Public Service Commission pursuant to Sections 393.1009, 393.1012, and 393.1015, RSMo Supp. 2012, and Commission Rules 4 CSR 240-2.060, 2.080 and 3.265, requesting that the Commission authorize it to change its Infrastructure System Replacement Surcharge ("ISRS"). Along with its application, MGE filed a tariff (Tariff Tracking No. YG-2014-0244) to implement its ISRS rate adjustment. That original tariff carried an April 5, 2014 effective date. The Commission directed notice and established December 31 as the date by which interested parties should apply to intervene. The Midwest Gas Users' Association (MGUA) filed a timely application to intervene and was granted intervention on January 14.

The Office of the Public Counsel filed a motion on December 18 asking the Commission to reject MGE's ISRS application for an alleged failure to meet the Commission's minimum filing requirements for such applications. The Commission denied

Public Counsel's motion on January 22, but ordered MGE to provide additional information to supplement its application.

The Commission's Staff filed its recommendation regarding MGE's supplemented ISRS application on February 4. Staff reported it had reviewed that application and had examined the supporting documentation that the company submitted along with its application. Staff recalculated the amount MGE should be allowed to recover through its ISRS and concluded that MGE should be allowed to recover incremental ISRS surcharge revenues of \$1,729,917, with a total cumulative ISRS amount of \$8,073,369.

MGE responded to Staff's recommendation on February 5, indicating its agreement with Staff's recalculation and that it did not object to the rates recommended by Staff. In addition, MGE submitted a new tariff sheet to comply with Staff's recommendation (Tariff Tracking No. YG-2014-0319). That new tariff carried an effective date of March 7. On February 14, the Office of the Public Counsel filed notice that it disagreed with Staff's recommendation and requested a hearing regarding MGE's ISRS revisions. Thereafter, the Commission suspended the MGE tariff that would have taken effect on March 7 until April 5.

On March 14, MGE, Staff, Public Counsel, and MGUA , being all the parties to this case, filed a unanimous stipulation and agreement to resolve all matters in dispute. The parties agreed the Commission should approve a revised tariff sheet that carries an effective date of April 14 (Tariff Tracking No. YG-2014-0359). MGE also agreed to provide additional documentation in all future ISRS applications and agreed not to include expenses associated with certain specified project numbers. Finally, MGE requested that the Commission approve the revised tariff sheet on an expedited basis to allow it to take effect on March 21. The other parties did not oppose that request.

Based on the Commission's impartial and independent review of MGE's application Staff's recommendation, and the unanimous stipulation and agreement of the parties, the Commission finds that MGE's application complies with Sections 393.1009 to 393.1015, RSMo. The Commission concludes that MGE shall be permitted to amend its ISRS to recover ISRS incremental surcharge revenues as provided in the tariff it submitted on March 14.

Since the tariff MGE submitted complies with the stipulation and agreement, the Commission will approve that tariff to be effective on March 21, as requested by MGE. Also, based on the unanimous stipulation and agreement, the Commission finds good cause to make this order effective on March 21, 2014, to match the effective date of the agreed-upon tariff.

When MGE filed its tariff to comply with the stipulation and agreement, that tariff was assigned a new tariff tracking number, but the earlier tariffs were not withdrawn. To avoid any confusion about which tariff is in effect, the Commission will reject those earlier tariffs.

**THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:**

1. The unanimous stipulation and agreement filed on March 14, 2014 is approved and the signatories are ordered to comply with the terms of that document.
2. Missouri Gas Energy, a division of Laclede Gas Company, is authorized to amend its Infrastructure System Replacement Surcharge sufficient to recover incremental ISRS revenues as specified in the unanimous stipulation and agreement.
3. The tariff sheet filed by Missouri Gas Energy, a division of Laclede Gas Company on December 6, 2013, and assigned Tariff Tracking No. YG-2014-0244, is rejected.

4. The tariff sheet filed by Missouri Gas Energy, a division of Laclede Gas Company on February 5, 2014, and assigned Tariff Tracking No. YG-2014-0319, is rejected.

5. The tariff sheet filed by Missouri Gas Energy, a division of Laclede Gas Company on March 14, 2014, and assigned Tariff Tracking No. YG-2014-0359 is approved to be effective on March 21, 2014. The sheet approved is:

P.S.C. Mo. No. 6, Original Sheet No. 10  
Canceling P.S.C. MO No. 1, Fifteenth Revised Sheet No. 10

6. This order shall become effective on March 21, 2014.

**BY THE COMMISSION**



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

Morris L. Woodruff  
Secretary

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

Woodruff, Chief Regulatory Law Judge