

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

In the Matter of the Revision to Missouri	)	
Gas Energy's Temporary Low-Income	)	<b><u>Case No. GO-2015-0031</u></b>
Energy Affordability Program	)	<u>Tariff No. JG-2015-0041</u>

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE TARIFF SHEET AND  
GRANT MOTION FOR EXPEDITED TREATMENT**

**COMES NOW** the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission, by and through counsel, and for its *Recommendation to Approve Tariff Sheet and Grant Motion for Expedited Treatment* hereby respectfully states:

1. On August 1, 2014, Missouri Gas Energy, an operating unit of Laclede Gas Company (MGE) filed a proposed tariff revision to MGE's Temporary Low-Income Energy Affordability Program (No. JG-2015-0041), bearing an effective date of August 31, 2014, along with a Motion for Expedited Treatment requesting a Commission order approving the tariff to become effective August 7.

2. The revision re-opens the enrollment period for the program in order to provide an opportunity for more low-income customers to participate.

3. The Commission approved the program effective May 1, 2014, in connection with MGE's most recent rate case, GR-2014-0007. The original enrollment period for the program expired on June 30, 2014. However, MGE states that the program has provided only about 30 percent of the \$400,000 in assistance authorized by the Commission, due to technical difficulties experienced by one or more of the community action agencies operating in MGE's service territory.

4. MGE's revised tariff will re-open the enrollment period and extend it through August 31. In addition, the tariff acknowledges that customers who qualified for

LIHEAP in the past year would, by definition, meet the income requirements for the program and need not be subject to further income eligibility requirements. MGE submitted a specimen copy of the tariff along with its motion for expedited treatment.

5. Staff is of the opinion that there is good cause for approval of this tariff sheet on less than thirty (30) days' notice because it will permit MGE and its associated community action agencies to continue working towards fulfilling the goals of the program as approved by the Commission. Further, Staff reviewed and discussed the tariff sheet with MGE prior to its August 1 filing.

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

7. Staff Rate and Tariff Examiner Kory Boustead participated in the review of this tariff sheet and states that, to the best of her knowledge and belief, the tariff sheet is true and correct and in compliance with the program as approved by the Commission in GR-2014-0007. The affidavit of Kory Boustead is attached here as Appendix A and incorporated by reference.

**WHEREFORE**, Staff recommends the Commission approve the revised tariff sheet filed by MGE in this matter and set out below, and recommends the Commission grant MGE's motion for expedited treatment:

PSC MO No. 6, Revised Tariff Sheet No. R-93.

Respectfully Submitted,

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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 5<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2014.

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