BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of Laclede Gas Company's)	File No. GR-2017-0215
Request to Increase Its Revenues for Gas Service)	Tariff No. YG-2017-0195
In the Matter of Laclede Gas Company d/b/a Missouri Gas Energy's Request to Increase Its Revenues for Gas Service)))	File No. GR-2017-0216 Tariff No. YG-2017-0196
Office of the Public Counsel,)	
Complainant,)	
v.)	File No. GC-2016-0297
Laclede Gas Company and Missouri Gas Energy)))	
Respondents.)	

ORDER GRANTING MOTION TO LIFT STAY AND CONSOLIDATE CASES

Issue Date: August 11, 2017 Effective Date: August 21, 2017

On April 27, 2016, the Office of the Public Counsel ("OPC") filed a complaint with the Missouri Public Service Commission against Laclede Gas Company ("Laclede") and Missouri Gas Energy ("MGE") (collectively, "Respondents"). The complaint alleges that Respondent's rates are excessive and should be reduced.

The Commission granted OPC's Motion to Stay Proceedings on October 5, 2016. On July 31, 2017, OPC filed a Motion to Lift Stay and Consolidate with the Respondents' current rate cases ("motion").

Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.080(13) allows parties ten days to respond to pleadings unless otherwise ordered by the Commission. The Commission issued no order

to the contrary, more than ten days have elapsed since OPC's motion, and no party has responded. Thus, the Commission will take up OPC's motion unopposed.

The Commission finds OPC's motion reasonable, and will grant it.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

- The Office of Public Counsel's Motion to Lift Stay and Consolidate with the Companies' Current Rate Cases is granted.
 - 2. The stay the Commission previously issued is lifted.
- 3. The file is consolidated with File Nos. GR-2017-0215 and GR-2017-0216, with File Nos. GR-2017-0215 and GR-2017-0216 being the lead cases.
- 4. Future filings for File No. GC-2016-0297 shall not be filed in this file, but in File Nos. GR-2017-0215 and GR-2017-0216.
- 5. Use of discovery obtained in this file may be used in File Nos. GR-2017-0215 and GR-2017-0216.
 - 6. This order shall be effective on August 21, 2017.

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BY THE COMMISSION

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Secretary

Ronald D. Pridgin, Deputy Chief Regulatory Law Judge, by delegation of authority pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2016.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri, on this 11th day of August, 2017.

STATE OF MISSOURI

OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

I have compared the preceding copy with the original on file in this office and I do hereby certify the same to be a true copy therefrom and the whole thereof.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the Public Service Commission, at Jefferson City, Missouri, this 11th day of August 2017.

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MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION August 11, 2017

File/Case No. GR-2017-0215, GR-2017-0216, and GC-2016-0297 (Consolidated)

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Enclosed find a certified copy of an Order or Notice issued in the above-referenced matter(s).

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