

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

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| Office of the Public Counsel, |) | |
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| Complainant, |) | |
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| v. |) | <u>File No. GC-2016-0297</u> |
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| Laclede Gas Company and |) | |
| Missouri Gas Energy |) | |
| |) | |
| Respondents. |) | |

**NOTICE OF COMPLAINT, ORDER ESTABLISHING TIME TO RESPOND
AND ORDER ESTABLISHING TIME TO APPLY TO INTERVENE**

Issue Date: April 28, 2016

Effective Date: April 28, 2016

On April 27, 2016¹, 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”). The complaint alleges that Laclede and MGE’s rates are excessive and should be reduced.

Pursuant to Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.070, Laclede and MGE have thirty days from the date of this notice to file an answer. Since this notice is being issued on April 28, the thirty-day period will expire on Saturday, May 28. That means the answer is due no later than Tuesday, May 31, since May 30 is Memorial Day.

¹ Calendar references are to 2016.

The Commission will also establish a date for the filing of applications to intervene. That date will be set ten days before the answer is due so that responses to those applications to intervene can be filed at the same time as the answer.

As required by Section 536.067(2)(f), RSMo 2000, the Commission informs the parties that the Commission's provisions governing procedures before the Commission, including provisions relating to discovery, are found at Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.090.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The Commission's Data Center shall send, by certified mail, a copy of this notice and order and a copy of the complaint to Laclede Gas Company and Missouri Gas Energy at:

Laclede Gas Company
700 Market Street
St. Louis, Missouri 63101

2. Laclede Gas Company and Missouri Gas Energy shall file their answer to this complaint no later than May 31, 2016. All pleadings shall be mailed to:

Secretary of the Public Service Commission
P.O. Box 360
Jefferson City, Missouri 65102-0360

or shall be filed using the Commission's electronic filing and information service.

3. Any party wishing to intervene in this case shall apply to intervene no later than May 20, 2016.

4. Any person or entity wishing to respond to any application to intervene shall do so no later than May 31, 2016.

5. This order shall be effective when issued.



BY THE COMMISSION

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

Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

Ronald D. Pridgin, Deputy Chief
Regulatory Law Judge, by delegation
of authority pursuant to
Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 28th day of April, 2016.