

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

The Staff of the Missouri Public Service  
Commission,

Complainant,

v.

Missouri Gas Energy, an operating unit of  
Laclede Gas Company

Respondent

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**Case No. GC-2016-0149**

**JOINT PROPOSED PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE**

**COMES NOW** the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Staff”), by and through counsel, Missouri Gas Energy (“MGE”), an operating unit of Laclede Gas Company (“Laclede”), and the Office of the Public Counsel (“Public Counsel”), the Parties to this docket, and hereby present this *Joint Proposed Procedural Schedule*, and state as follows:

1. During the Prehearing Conference held by the Commission on October 4, 2016, the Regulatory Law Judge presiding over this case directed the parties to file a proposed procedural schedule. The Parties to this pleading have proposed the following dates in the procedural schedule, which is reflected herein. Those parties request that the Commission adopt the procedural schedule set forth in paragraph 2 below, and also adopt the related procedural items that have been agreed upon, as reflected in paragraph 3 below.

2 The Procedural Schedule proposed by the parties to this pleading is as follows:

### **Procedural Schedule**

Direct Testimony Deadline November 17, 2016 (Thurs.)

After filing of Direct, Response Time for Data Requests Reduced to 10 Calendar Days to Respond and 5 Business Days to Object/Notify of Need For Additional Time to Respond

Rebuttal Testimony Deadline December 9, 2016 (Fri.)

Surrebuttal/Cross Surr. Testimony Deadline January 5, 2017 (Thurs.)

After filing of Surrebuttal/Cross-Surr., Response Time for Data Requests Reduced to 5 Calendar Days to Respond and 3 Business Days to Object/Notify For Additional Time to Respond

Last Day to Request Discovery January 18, 2017 (Wed.)

Deadline to File List of Issues, List of Witnesses, Order of Cross-Examination, and Order of Opening Statements January 20, 2017 (Fri.)

Deadline to File Statements of Position January 25, 2017 (Wed.)

Evidentiary Hearings January 31, 2017 (Tues.)

Deadline to File Initial Briefs February 22, 2017 (Wed.)

Deadline to File Reply Briefs March 10, 2017 (Fri.)

3. The Parties request that the Commission adopt the following procedures regarding discovery:

- a) Workpapers prepared in the course of developing a witness' testimony (including schedules) and exhibits shall not be filed with the Commission, but shall be submitted to each party within 2 business days following the filing of the particular testimony, unless a party has indicated that it does not want to receive some or all of the workpapers. Workpapers containing highly confidential or proprietary information shall be appropriately marked. Counsel shall undertake to advise other counsel if the sponsored witness has no workpapers related to the round of testimony.
- b) Where workpapers or data request responses include models or spreadsheets or similar information originally in a commonly available format where inputs or parameters may be changed to observe changes in inputs or

outputs, if available in that original format, the party providing the workpaper or response shall provide this type of information in that original format with formulas intact. Workpapers shall be provided in electronic format by e-mailing or by delivery of a compact disc or other electronic storage media.

- c) If a data request has been responded to, a party's request for a copy of the response shall be timely responded to, considering that a response has already been provided to the underlying data request.
- d) Documents filed in EFIS shall be considered properly served by serving the same on counsel of record for all other parties via e-mail.

**WHEREFORE**, the above-named Parties file the Proposed Procedural Schedule set forth in paragraph 2 above, and request that the Commission adopt the same and include in its order its adoption of the procedural items requested by the Parties in paragraph 3 above.

Respectfully submitted,

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I do hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing has been e-mailed, this 20<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2016, to counsel for all parties of record.

**/s/ Mark Johnson**