

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

In the Matter of the Application of Laclede	)	
Gas Company to Change Its Infrastructure	)	<b><u>File No. GO-2016-0197</u></b>
System Replacement Surcharge in Its	)	Tariff No. YG-2016-0194
Missouri Gas Energy Service Territory	)	

**ORDER ACCEPTING RESPONSE**

On February 1, 2016, Missouri Gas Energy (“MGE”), an operating unit of Laclede Gas Company filed a verified application and petition to change its Infrastructure System Replacement Surcharge (“ISRS”). The Commission issued an order directing MGE to file sample customer notices for the Commission’s approval to comply with Commission rule 4 CSR 240-3.265. Section (8) of the rule states that the natural gas utility shall provide notices to its customers, with such notices to be approved by the Commission in accordance with section (9) of the same rule being sent to customers. The rule requires an initial, one time notice, an annual notice, and a surcharge description on all bills. Section (9) of the rule requires the natural gas company to file a draft of the customer notices required in section (8) of the rule to the Commission for approval within twenty days of the filing of the petition to establish an ISRS.

On February 18, MGE filed a *Response to Order Directing Filing on Customer Notices*. MGE points out that its current ISRS was established in a Commission order in File No. GO-2015-0025, which went into effect on October 18, 2014. In that case, the Commission approved MGE’s initial notice, annual notice and the surcharge description as required by Commission rule 4 CSR 240-3.265 (8) and (9). MGE asserts that because the

notices were approved at the time the ISRS was established, no change to these notices is requested by the company or required under the Commission's rule.

The Commission finds MGE's interpretation of the rule to be reasonable and will accept the response in lieu of the previously ordered sample customer notices.

**THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:**

1. MGE's *Response to Order Directing Filing of Customer Notices* is accepted and the requirement to file sample customer notices in ordered paragraph 4 of the Commission's February 3, 2016 order is rescinded.

2. 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

Kim S. Burton, Senior Regulatory Law Judge,  
by delegation of authority pursuant to  
Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,  
on this 29<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2016.