STATE OF MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

At a session of the Public Service Commission held at its office in Jefferson City on the 22nd day of February, 2017.

In the Matter of Staff's Investigation of Laclede's
Compliance with the Gas Supply Documentation
Requirements of Its CAM and Standards of
Conduct

File No. GO-2017-0223

ORDER OPENING AN INVESTIGATION

Issue Date: February 22, 2017 Effective Date: February 22, 2017

In its filings regarding the 2013-2014 Actual Cost Adjustment (ACA) filing of Missouri Gas Energy, an operating unit of Laclede Gas Company,¹ and again in filings regarding Laclede Gas Company's 2014-2015 ACA filing,² the Commission's Staff has asked the Commission to open an investigation into Laclede's compliance with the gas supply documentation requirements of its Cost Allocation Manual (CAM) and its Standards of Conduct.

Various provisions in Chapters 386 and 393, RSMo 2000, give the Commission authority to investigate the operations of gas corporations. The Commission does not need to open a formal case for Staff to conduct such an investigation, but the creation of an investigative case will assist Staff in working with the company. In addition, an open case will afford Staff an opportunity to report to the Commission as appropriate.

This is only an investigation and is not a contested case. In opening the investigation requested by Staff, the Commission is not making any findings or

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¹ File No. GR-2014-0324.

² File No. GR-2015-0201.

conclusions about Laclede's actions or about the merits of Staff's concerns. Further, the Commission will not take any action regarding Laclede within the confines of this investigation. If the investigation reveals that any such action is appropriate, Staff may file a formal complaint or other appropriate pleading within a new file to institute contested case procedures.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

- 1. The Commission's Staff may undertake an investigation of Laclede's compliance with the gas supply documentation requirements of its Cost Allocation Manual (CAM) and its Standards of Conduct.
- 2. The Commission's data center shall provide a copy of this order to Laclede Gas Company.
- 3. Staff shall file a progress report regarding its investigation no later than August 22, 2017.
 - 4. This order shall be effective when issued.

BY THE COMMISSION

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Morris L. Woodruff Secretary

Hall, Chm., Stoll, Kenney, Rupp, and Coleman, CC., concur.

Woodruff, Chief Regulatory Law Judge

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 22nd day of February 2017.

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Morris L. Woodruff

Secretary

MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION February 22, 2017

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

Sincerely,

Morris L. Woodruff Secretary

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