# BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of Missouri Gas Energy's	)	
Filing of Revised Tariffs to Increase its Annual	)	Case No. GR-2014-0007
Revenues for Natural Gas	)	

### **JOINT REQUEST FOR EXTENSION IN FILING DATES**

COME NOW Missouri Gas Energy, a Division of Laclede Gas Company, and the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission, and for their Joint Request for an Extension in Filing Dates states as follows:

- 1. On September 16, 2013, Missouri Gas Energy, a Division of Laclede Gas Company ("MGE" or "Company") submitted to the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission") revised tariff sheets reflecting increased rates for gas service provided to customers in its Missouri service area.
- 2. By order dated November 13, 2013, the Commission adopted the parties' recommended procedural schedule.
- 3. By order dated January 23, the Commission approved an extension of filing dates whereby non-MGE parties filed direct testimony on January 29, 2014, and extended the filing date for rebuttal testimony from February 26 to February 28, 2014.
- 4. Since then, the parties have met on a number of occasions in an effort to discuss various issues raised by MGE's filing and potentially narrow their differences. Staff and MGE have recently identified some issues to be addressed in rebuttal testimony. In addition, a series of public hearings has been held this week in the Kansas City area.

- 5. For these reasons, Staff and MGE respectfully request that the filing date for rebuttal testimony be extended from Friday, February 28 to Tuesday, March 4, 2014, and that the filing date for surrebuttal testimony be extended from Friday, March 28 to Tuesday, April 1, 2014.
- 6. Because discovery is scheduled to close on April 7, 2014, and the hearing is scheduled from April 14 to April 29, this extension of filing deadlines should not affect the remainder of the procedural schedule.
- 7. MGE and Staff have discussed this request with other parties<sup>1</sup> to this case, and counsel for those parties have indicated that they have no objection to this request.

WHEREFORE, for the foregoing reasons, Staff and MGE respectfully request that the Commission issue its order herein revising the procedural schedule so that the filing deadline for "All parties to file Rebuttal Testimony" is extended from February 28, 2014 to March 4, 2014, the filing deadline for "All parties to file Surrebuttal or Cross-Surrebuttal" is extended from March 28, 2014 to April 1, 2014, and that the date in Paragraph 4(C) be changed to March 4, 2014.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Counsel for the City of Kansas City, Missouri was not able to review this motion before filing. All other parties indicated they did not oppose this motion.

Respectfully submitted,

## MGE, A DIVISION OF LACLEDE GAS COMPANY

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#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand-delivered, transmitted by facsimile or electronically mailed to all counsel of record this 27<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2014.

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