

rate case includes issues related to the present case, and the MIEC's opportunity to address those issues would be foreclosed unless Laclede's rate case proceeds. Granting the MIEC's motion to intervene would preserve the MIEC's opportunity to address those issues, and would assist potential resolution of Laclede's rate case.

4. Counsel for Laclede has advised counsel for the MIEC that Laclede does not oppose this motion.

5. The MIEC does not yet have a position on the issues in this case and reserves the right to take positions on specific issues as this case proceeds.

6. This case is at an early stage, and no procedural schedule has yet been adopted. The MIEC will accept the record as it stands in this case, and therefore no party will be prejudiced by the MIEC's intervention. The MIEC's intervention will serve the public interest by assisting the Commission's record for decision in this case.

7. Due to the possible resolution of Laclede's rate case and the impact of the Commission's decision on the MIEC's participation in settlement of certain issues in that case, the MIEC requests expedited treatment of this motion.

WHEREFORE, the MIEC requests that it be permitted to intervene out of time and be made a party to this case for all purposes.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I do hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing document has been emailed this 21st day of May, 2013, to all parties on the Commission's service list in this case.

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