

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

In the Matter of Laclede Gas Company,                    )  
Missouri Gas Energy’s Purchased Gas                    )  
Adjustment Tariff Filing                                    )        **Case No. GR-2014-0324**

**STATUS REPORT**

**COMES NOW** the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission and for its *Status Report* (“Report”) pursuant to the Commission’s *Order Granting Intervention* issued April 6, 2017, states as follows:

1. On February 22, 2017, Staff and Missouri Gas Energy (“MGE”), an operating unit of Laclede Gas Company, filed a *Partial Stipulation and Agreement* (“Stipulation”) in this case regarding the balancing and cash out of gas under MGE’s School Transportation Program (“STP”). The Stipulation provided in part that “The signatories agree that the STP balancing/cash out issue shall be revisited in MGE’s next rate case.”<sup>1</sup>

2. On March 13, 2017, the Missouri Schools Boards’ Association (“MSBA”) filed an application to intervene with an objection to the Stipulation (“Application”), and on March 21, 2017, MSBA filed a response (“Response”). In both its Application and its Response, MSBA requested that the STP balancing/cash out issue be addressed in MGE’s next rate case.

3. On April 6, 2017, the Commission issued an *Order Granting Intervention* (“Order”) in which it granted MSBA’s application to intervene in this case and ordered Staff to file a status report herein no later than May 20, 2017.

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<sup>1</sup> Stipulation paragraph 3B.

4. On April 11, 2017, MGE filed its anticipated rate case, along with the direct testimony of several witnesses, which has been assigned Case No. GR-2017-0216. MSBA filed an application to intervene in the MGE rate case on April 20, 2017.

5. Given that MGE's anticipated rate case – the case in which it was always intended that the STP balancing/cash out issue would be revisited if the Stipulation was approved, and the case in which even MSBA requested it be addressed – has now been filed, it would be duplicative and a waste of all parties' resources (including the Commission's), as well as potentially confusing and contradictory, to address the same issue in two different cases at essentially the same time. MGE has already filed testimony and proposed tariff changes addressing the issue in its pending rate case. Staff recommends that the STP balancing/cash out issue should be addressed in MGE's pending rate case, Case No. GR-2017-0216, rather than in this case.

**WHEREFORE**, Staff submits this *Status Report* pursuant to the Commission's *Order Granting Intervention* issued April 6, 2017.

Respectfully submitted,

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand-delivered, or transmitted by facsimile or electronic mail to counsel of record this 25<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2017.

**/s/ Jeffrey A. Keevil**