

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

In the Matter of Laclede Gas Company's                    )  
Filing of Revised Tariffs to Increase its Annual    )  
Revenues for Natural Gas                                     )                    **Case No. GR-2013-0171**

**MOTION FOR ORDER REQUIRING THAT DATA REQUESTS BETWEEN THE  
STAFF AND ANY OTHER PARTY BE ISSUED IN THE COMMISSION'S  
ELECTRONIC FILING AND INFORMATION SYSTEM (EFIS)  
AND RESPONDED TO IN EFIS**

**COMES NOW** the Staff (Staff) of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission), by and through counsel, and moves that the Commission issue an order requiring that any Data Request between Staff and any other party shall be issued in the Commission's Electronic Filing and Information System, (EFIS), and responded to in EFIS. In support thereof, the Staff states the following:

1. On February 5, 2013, the Staff, on behalf of the parties of this case, filed a Recommendation Of The Parties Regarding Procedural Schedule, Public Hearings And Customer Notice (Recommendation) pursuant to the Commission's December 27, 2012 *Order Directing Notice, Suspending Tariff, Setting Hearings, and Directing Filings*.

2. Staff notes that paragraph 6(L) of the Recommendation states: "...Laclede shall submit its responses to Staff data requests in the Commission's Electronic Filing and Information System (EFIS), if feasible." On further consideration, this provision does not take full advantage of a recent enhancement to EFIS that allows access to Data Requests by parties' counsel.

3. Furthermore, in the situation when the requesting party does not use EFIS to enter its Data Requests and Responses, additional work is caused to both Staff and the Data Center. First, Staff must input the party's Data Request into EFIS and then

notify the Data Center. The Data Center must take the necessary steps to manually amend the information captured by EFIS to ensure that the correct filing party name is displayed. And, if Staff is unable to enter the Data Request on the date the party provided it to Staff, the Data Center has to call in Helpdesk staff to change the request date, the due date, and the number of days elapsed. The Data Center must also update the Date Requested on the Data Request Summary page. When the Helpdesk staff changes these dates, another problem is caused in EFIS because the Data Requests are out of date order. Additional manual intervention is required when Staff submits a Data Request Response on behalf of another party after the original response date. When this occurs, the Data Center must submit a request to the Helpdesk to have the Date Responded updated to reflect the actual response date. Because the response date and time are included in the link title for the response summary page in EFIS, the Data Center must also update any incorrect dates and times that are captured on the response link titles. Aside from additional work caused Staff, the Data Center and the Helpdesk, the Staff remains concerned about the possibility of error when another party passes the responsibility to Staff to enter its Data Requests and Responses in EFIS. Because of recent EFIS enhancements, each party's attorney on the certified service list can enter Data Requests and Responses to Staff and each attorney receives notice when a Data Request is issued to or by Staff. The Data Request Responses are viewable in EFIS by each party's attorney on the certified service list.

4. Therefore, to improve administrative efficiency and speed in the communication of Data Requests among the parties, the Staff moves that the Commission issue the following requirement in its order regarding the parties' Recommendation:

*Any Data Request issued to or by the Staff shall be submitted and responded to in the Commission's Electronic Filing and Information System (EFIS).*

**WHEREFORE**, the Staff respectfully requests that the Commission include the above-stated requirement in any order approving the parties' February 5<sup>th</sup> Recommendation.

Respectfully Submitted,

**STAFF OF THE MISSOURI  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that true and correct copies of the foregoing were served electronically to all counsel of record this 6<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2013.

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