

**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 on behalf of Staff and Missouri Gas Energy (“MGE”), an operating unit of Laclede Gas Company, pursuant to the Commission’s *Order Directing Filing of Status Report and Request for Waiver/Variance* (the “Order”) issued on March 29, 2016, and respectfully states as follows:

1. The Order directed the interested parties to meet to discuss the balancing and cash out issue concerning the School Transportation Program (“STP”) operated by MGE and to file a status report with the Commission no later than May 27, 2016.¹
2. Staff and MGE² met at the Governor Office Building on May 17, 2016, to discuss the STP balancing and cash out issue, exchange information, and address possible resolutions. Staff and MGE plan to continue discussions and the exchange of information, with the goal of reaching a mutually acceptable resolution of the issue no later than August 31, 2016.
3. Staff and MGE propose to file no later than August 31, 2016, either a stipulation and agreement resolving this matter or a pleading (which may be filed on

¹ The Order also directed MGE to file either a request for waiver/variance or a response concerning certain other issues identified in Staff’s *Reply to Missouri Gas Energy’s Response* no later than May 27, 2016. This Status Report does not address those issues, but addresses only the STP balancing and cash out issue.

² Representatives of the Missouri School Boards Association also attended.

behalf of either Staff or MGE individually rather than jointly) notifying the Commission that they have been unable to resolve the matter and informing the Commission what action they request the Commission take at that time.

WHEREFORE Staff and MGE submit this Status Report pursuant to the Commission's Order dated March 29, 2016, and request the Commission issue an order giving them until no later than August 31, 2016, to make a filing as described in paragraph number 3 above.

Respectfully submitted,

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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 23rd day of May, 2016.

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