

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

In the Matter of the Application of Laclede Gas Company to Change Its Infrastructure System Replacement Surcharge in Its Laclede Gas Service Territory)
) **File No. GO-2016-0196**
) Tariff No. YG-2016-0193
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In the Matter of the Application of Laclede Gas Company to Change Its Infrastructure System Replacement Surcharge in Its Missouri Gas Energy Service Territory)
) **File No. GO-2016-0197**
) Tariff No. YG-2016-0194
)

**ORDER SCHEDULING JOINT EVIDENTIARY HEARING AND
SETTING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE**

Issue Date: April 12, 2016

Effective Date: April 12, 2016

On February 1, 2016, Laclede Gas Company (“Laclede”) and Missouri Gas Company (“MGE”), an Operating Unit of Laclede Gas Company, filed verified applications and petitions to change their Infrastructure System Replacement Surcharge (“ISRS”). On April 11, the Office of the Public Counsel (“OPC”) filed its *Motion for an Evidentiary Hearing* in both File Nos. GO-2016-0196 and GO-2016-0197. OPC opposes the inclusion in ISRS of infrastructure replacement costs that were not incurred by the time Laclede’s and MGE’s petitions were filed. Although the Commission previously issued a *Report and Order* on this issue in November 2015,¹ OPC states that additional evidence will be presented at hearing.

The Commission will grant OPC’s motion and schedule an evidentiary hearing. Since the pending actions in File Nos. GO-2016-0196 and GO-2016-0197 involve related

¹ See File Nos. GO-2015-0341 and GO-2015-0343, *Report and Order* issued on November 12, 2015.

questions of law or fact, the Commission will order a joint hearing, as allowed by Commission rule 4 CSR 240-2.110(3).

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The following procedural schedule is adopted:
 - a. Discovery issued after April 18, 2016, shall only pertain to matters contained in April 18 testimonies and that could not have been reasonably anticipated prior to April 18. Such discovery will be objected to in 1 business day and responded to in 2 business days.
 - b. Workpapers will be submitted within 1 business day of filing testimony to which they related.

| <u>Item</u> | <u>Date</u> |
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| Direct Testimony: | Monday, April 18, 2016 |
| Rebuttal Testimony/ List of Issues/ Position Statements: | Thursday, April 21, 2016 |
| Evidentiary Hearing : | Tuesday, April 26, 2016 |
| Post-Hearing Briefs | Wednesday, May 4, 2016 |

2. An evidentiary hearing shall be held on Tuesday, April 26, 2016, beginning at 9:00 a.m. at the Commission’s office at the Governor Office Building, 200 Madison Street, Jefferson City, Missouri, Room 310. The Governor Office Building meets accessibility standards required by the Americans with Disabilities Act. Any person who needs specific accessibility accommodations may call the Public Service Commission’s Hotline at 1-800-392-4211 (voice) or Relay Missouri at 711 prior to the hearing.

3. This order shall be effective when issued.



BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Morris L. Woodruff".

Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

Kim S. Burton, Senior Regulatory Law Judge,
by delegation of authority pursuant to
Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 12th day of April, 2016.