BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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In the Matter of Laclede Gas Company, Missouri Gas Energy's Purchased Gas Adjustment Tariff Filing

File No. GR-2014-0324

ORDER DIRECTING FILING OF STATUS REPORT AND REQUEST FOR WAIVER/VARIANCE

Issue Date: March 29, 2016 Effective Date: March 29, 2016

The Commission's Staff expressed concerns about the School Transportation Program ("STP") operated by Missouri Gas Energy ("MGE"). Staff requested the Commission direct the interested parties to meet and resolve the STP balancing and cash out issue before filing a status report with the Commission. MGE filed a Response stating its consent to Staff's request. Therefore, the Commission will direct the parties to meet and discuss the STP balancing issue.

Staff also submitted a Reply to MGE's Response in which it requested the Commission direct MGE to seek either a waiver or variance from a requirement to document refusals of unsolicited requests for short-term purchase of gas supply, which Staff asserts is required under the terms of the Commission's *Order Approving Stipulation and Agreement and Authorizing* Merger, issued in File No. GM-2013-0254. MGE shall be directed to either file a request for waiver/variance or a response stating why the company does not agree with Staff's request.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The interested parties shall meet to discuss the STP balancing issue referenced in the body of this order and shall file a status report with the Commission no later than May 27, 2016.

2. Missouri Gas Energy shall either file a request for waiver/variance of the documentation requirements identified in Staff's *Reply to Missouri Gas Energy's Response to Staff ACA Recommendation* or a response no later than May 27, 2016.

3. This order shall be effective when issued.

BY THE COMMISSION



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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 29th day of March, 2016.