

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

In the Matter of Missouri Gas Energy's) Case No. GR-2015-0203
(Laclede) PGA Filing)

**STAFF REPLY TO MGE'S RESPONSE
TO STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION AND MEMORANDUM**

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission and replies as follows to the *Response to Staff's Recommendation and Memorandum Regarding Missouri Gas Energy's 2014-2015 Actual Cost Adjustment Filing* filed herein by Missouri Gas Energy ("MGE" or "Company"), an operating unit of Laclede Gas Company:

1. Staff filed its Actual Cost Adjustment ("ACA") Recommendation in this case concerning MGE's 2014-2015 ACA filing on December 12, 2016. In its ACA Recommendation, Staff recommended adjustment(s) to the Company's ACA balances and also requested the Company respond to certain other comments, concerns and recommendations.

2. MGE filed its *Response to Staff's Recommendation and Memorandum Regarding Missouri Gas Energy's 2014-2015 Actual Cost Adjustment Filing* ("Response") on January 26, 2017.

3. MGE's Response disagrees with Staff's recommended adjustment to the Company's ACA balances in the amount of \$319,282.93. In response to several of Staff's comments, concerns and recommendations with no associated monetary adjustment, MGE's Response states that it believes it has already addressed Staff's concern or will do so in the future. MGE's Response also states that it "intends to consult with the Staff" and/or "intends to arrange a meeting with the Staff" regarding certain of these matters, including Staff's recommended ACA adjustment.

4. Staff is willing to meet with and have discussions with MGE regarding the areas of disagreement (or issues which may remain unresolved) between MGE and Staff, as suggested in MGE's Response, in an effort to better understand, and possibly resolve, such disagreements or unresolved issues. However, such discussions and meetings will obviously take additional time. Therefore, Staff requests until April 7, 2017, to file either a status report or further reply to MGE's Response.

5. Staff would also note that while this case addresses MGE's 2014-2015 ACA period, the case which addresses MGE's 2013-2014 ACA period (Case No. GR-2014-0324) remains open with at least two unresolved issues¹. Therefore, this case should remain open until the prior case is finally resolved.

WHEREFORE Staff respectfully requests that the Commission issue an order granting Staff until April 7, 2017, to file either a status report or further reply to MGE's Response in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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¹ Described very broadly, those remaining issues involve MGE's School Transportation Program and compliance with certain gas supply documentation requirements.

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 6th day of February, 2017.

/s/ Jeffrey A. Keevil