

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

In the Matter of the Joint Application of Southern Union	)	
Company d/b/a Missouri Gas Energy, The Laclede	)	<b><u>Case No. GM-2013-0254</u></b>
Group, Inc., and Laclede Gas Company for an Order	)	Tariff No. YG-2014-0056
Authorizing the Sale, Transfer, and Assignment of	)	
Certain Assets and Liabilities from Southern Union	)	
Company to Laclede Gas Company and, in Connection	)	
Therewith, Certain other Related Transactions	)	

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

**COMES NOW** the Staff of the Commission, by and through counsel, and states as follows:

1. On August 2, 2013, Laclede Gas Company (Laclede) filed two tariff sheets requesting approval of its formal adoption notice and title sheet, in compliance with the Commission's *Order Approving Unanimous Stipulation and Agreement* (Order) in the above-captioned case.

2. On August 16, 2013, Laclede filed substitute tariff sheets to make corrections at the Commission's Energy Unit Staff's request. As stated in Staff's Memorandum attached hereto as Appendix A, Staff has reviewed the tariff sheets as substituted and has determined that the tariff sheets are in compliance with the Commission's Order.

**WHEREFORE**, Staff recommends that the Commission issue an order approving the following proposed tariff sheets to become effective on September 1, 2013, the requested effective date:

P.S.C. MO. No. 6  
Original Sheet No. 1  
Original Sheet No. 1a

Respectfully submitted,

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### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand-delivered, transmitted by facsimile or electronically mailed to all counsel of record this 26<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2013.

**/s/ Robert S. Berlin**

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Missouri Public Service Commission Official Case File,  
Case No. GM-2013-0254, File No. YG-2014-0056 Laclede Gas Company, Missouri Gas  
Energy, and Southern Union Company

FROM: Kim Cox, Energy Unit- Tariff, Safety, Economic and Engineering Analysis Department

/s/ Thomas M. Imhoff 08/26/13  
Energy Unit/Date

/s/ Robert S. Berlin 08/26/13  
Staff Counsel's Office/Date

SUBJECT: Staff Recommendation to Approve Adoption Tariff Sheets Filed in Accordance with the  
Order Authorizing Laclede Gas Company to Provide Gas Services to Areas Previously  
Serviced by Missouri Gas Energy.

DATE: August 26, 2013

On January 14, 2013, Southern Union Company d/b/a Missouri Gas Energy (MGE), Laclede Group, Inc. (LG) and Laclede Gas Company (Laclede Gas) filed a Joint Application for an Order Authorizing the Sale, Transfer and Assignment of Certain Assets and Liabilities from Southern Union Company to Laclede Gas Company and, in connection therewith, certain other Related Transactions. On July 2, 2013, a Stipulation and Agreement (S&A) was filed in the case, and on July 17, 2013, the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission) issued its Order Approving Unanimous Stipulation and Agreement.

In that S&A, Laclede Gas agreed to provide natural gas service in the areas served by MGE in accordance with the rules, regulations, rates and tariffs of MGE on the effective date of the closing of the transaction.

On August 2, 2013, Laclede Gas filed two tariff sheets requesting approval of its formal adoption notice and title sheet, in compliance with the Commission's Order in GM-2013-0254. On August 16, 2013, Laclede Gas filed substitute tariff sheets to make corrections at Staff's request. Staff has reviewed the tariff sheets, and as substituted, and has determined that the tariff sheets are in compliance with the Commission's Order.

The Missouri Public Service Commission Energy Unit Staff (Staff) has reviewed the filed tariff sheets, and as substituted, and is of the opinion that they were timely filed and are in compliance with the Commission's Order in GM-2013-0254. Staff therefore recommends that the Commission issue an order approving the following proposed tariff sheet to become effective on September 1, 2013, the requested effective date:

P.S.C. MO. No. 6  
Original Sheet No. 1  
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The Commission's Energy Unit Staff (Staff) has verified that this company has filed its annual report and is not delinquent on any assessment.

