BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of Laclede Gas Company's)	File No. GR-2017-0215
Request to Increase Its Revenue for Gas Service)	Tariff No. YG-2017-0195
In the Matter of Laclede Gas Company d/b/a)	File No. GR-2017-0216
Missouri Gas Energy's Request to Increase Its)	Tariff No. YG-2017-0196
Revenues for Gas Service)	

NOTICE OF HEARING AND ORDER SETTING CONFERENCE DATE, DIRECTING NOTICE OF ACTIONS, ESTABLISHING INTERVENTION DATE, AND DIRECTING FILINGS

Issue Date: April 20, 2017 Effective Date: April 20, 2017

April 11, 2017, Laclede Gas Company and Missouri Gas Energy each filed tariffs that would implement general rate increases for their gas service areas. The Commission will direct notice of these actions, set dates for a hearing and a procedural conference, and provide for certain filing deadlines. Additionally, because of the interrelated nature of these cases and companies, the Commission is setting out a joint procedural schedule. If the parties believe separate proceedings are needed to hear these matters, they should advise the Commission as soon as that becomes apparent.

The procedural conference date is only two days after the deadline for requesting intervention. Because there will not be time for responses to those requests for intervention, the Commission will not make a ruling on the requests before conference date. Therefore, any person who has filed a request for intervention may attend the procedural conference without being granted full intervenor status.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. <u>Preliminary Schedule.</u> The following schedule is ordered.

Convene/File	Date	Time
Response to proposed test year ¹	May 1, 2017	
Applications to intervene	May 1, 2017	
Procedural conference	May 3, 2017	1:30
		p.m.
Proposed procedural schedule	May 9, 2017	
Proposed discovery and prepared testimony	May 9, 2017	
changes		
Proposed local public hearing schedule	May 19, 2017	
Evidentiary hearing	December 4-9, 2017	9:00
	December 11-15,	a.m.
	2017	First
		Day

2. <u>Conference and Hearing Location</u>. The procedural conference will convene in Room 305 and the hearing will convene in Room 310 of the Governor Office Building, 200 Madison Street, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102. The building meets accessibility standards required by the Americans with Disabilities Act. Any person who needs additional accommodations to participate in the conference or hearing shall contact the Commission, not later than the day before the event. Such contact shall be through the Commission's Hotline at 1-800-392-4211 (voice) or Relay Missouri at 711. Any party may participate in the procedural conference by telephone by dialing 877-820-7831 and entering the access code 35666479# at the start time of the conference.

¹Laclede Gas Company and Missouri Gas Energy both propose a historical test year ending December 31, 2016 and adjusted through September 30, 2017.

3. Intervention. Any application to intervene shall be filed by transmitting it to:

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or by using the Commission's Electronic Filing and Information System (EFIS).

- 4. <u>Other Filings.</u> Staff shall coordinate, and jointly file on behalf of all parties in agreement, a proposed:
 - a. Procedural schedule. Any proposed procedural schedule shall include proposed cut-off dates for service of discovery requests and responses, dates for discovery conferences, and dates for rulings.
 - b. Other provisions governing discovery.
 - c. Provisions governing prepared testimony.
 - d. Local public hearing schedule.
- 5. <u>Notice of this Action</u>. The Commission's Data Center shall send a copy of this notice and order to the county commission of each county within Laclede Gas Company and Missouri Gas Energy's service area. The Commission's Public Information Office shall make notice of this order available to the members of the General Assembly representing Laclede Gas Company's and Missouri Gas Energy's service area and the news media serving that area.

6. <u>Effective Date of this Notice and Order</u>. This notice and order shall be effective when issued.



BY THE COMMISSION

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Secretary

Nancy Dippell, Senior Regulatory Law Judge, by delegation of authority pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri, on this 20th day of April, 2017.

STATE OF MISSOURI

OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

I have compared the preceding copy with the original on file in this office and I do hereby certify the same to be a true copy therefrom and the whole thereof.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the Public Service Commission, at Jefferson City, Missouri, this 20th day of April 2017.

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Morris L. Woodruff Secretary

MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION April 20, 2017

File/Case No. GR-2017-0215 and GR-2017-0216

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Enclosed find a certified copy of an Order or Notice issued in the above-referenced matter(s).

Sincerely,

Morris L. Woodruff

Secretary

Recipients listed above with a valid e-mail address will receive electronic service. Recipients without a valid e-mail address will receive paper service.