

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

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

**MISSOURI DIVISION OF ENERGY’S
MOTION TO INTERVENE**

COMES NOW the Missouri Department of Economic Development –
Division of Energy¹ (“DE”) and, pursuant to Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.075,
respectfully requests that the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Commission”) grant
intervention to DE in the above-styled matter. For its Motion to Intervene, DE states as
follows:

1. On April 11, 2017, Laclede Gas Company (“Laclede”) and Missouri Gas
Energy (“MGE”) each filed tariffs that would implement general rate increases for their
gas service areas.
2. On April 20, 2017, the Commission issued its *Notice of Hearing and Order
Setting Conference Date, Directing Notice of Actions, Establishing Intervention Date,
and Directing Filings*. This *Notice* set May 1, 2017 as the deadline for intervention.

¹ On August 28, 2013, Executive Order 13-03 transferred “all authority, powers, duties, functions, records,
personnel, property, contracts, budgets, matters pending, and other pertinent vestiges of the Division of Energy from
the Missouri Department of Natural Resources to the Missouri Department of Economic Development . . . ”

3. DE is a state agency vested with the powers and duties set forth in, *inter alia*, §§ 640.150 and 640.676 RSMo.

4. DE's interests are different than those of the general public, as illustrated by its statutory authority to plan for future energy needs and energy resource development; develop, promote, administer and monitor energy conservation programs;² consult and cooperate with all state and federal governmental agencies on matters of energy research and development, management, conservation and distribution; and analyze the potential for increased use of energy alternatives and make recommendations for the expanded use of such alternate energy sources and technologies.³ DE's intervention, moreover, will serve a public interest, as DE will evaluate the filings from a formal state policy and planning perspective consistent with its interests in clean, affordable, abundant energy, and its efficient use.

5. DE expects to develop its positions on specific issues as this case proceeds.

6. Communications, correspondence, orders, and decision in this matter should be addressed to the undersigned.

WHEREFORE, the Missouri Department of Economic Development – Division of Energy respectfully requests that it be allowed to intervene in this case.

² §§ 640.676 and 640.150.2 RSMo.

³ § 640.150.1 RSMo.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been served electronically on all counsel of record this 24th day of April, 2017.

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