

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

In The Matter of Missouri Gas Energy’s Tariff)
Filing to Implement a Joint Energy Efficiency) **Case No. GT-2016-0134**
Program with Independence Power & Light) **Tariff No. JG-2016-0136**

STAFF RESPONSE AND RECOMMENDATION

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission, and respectfully states as follows:

1. On December 3, 2015, the Commission issued its *Order Establishing Time to Respond to Motion for Expedited Approval of Tariff Sheets* (“Order”) in this matter. The Order directed Staff to respond to Missouri Gas Energy’s (“MGE”) Motion for Expedited Treatment no later than December 8, 2015.

2. Attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference is Staff’s recommendation memorandum in this matter; as shown in the attached memorandum, Staff has reviewed the tariff sheets filed herein by MGE and is of the opinion that the tariff sheets should be approved and that good cause has been shown for expedited treatment.

3. Staff has verified that MGE has filed its annual report and is not delinquent on any assessment. Staff is not aware of any other matter before the Commission that affects or is affected by this filing.

WHEREFORE Staff respectfully recommends the Commission issue an order approving the following tariff sheets to take effect on December 15, 2015, as requested by MGE:

P.S.C. Mo. No. 6

Original Sheet No. 106

Original Sheet No. 106.1

Respectfully submitted,

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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 7th day of December, 2015.

/s/ Jeffrey A. Keevil

MEMORANDUM

TO: Missouri Public Service Commission Official Case File,
Case No. GT-2016-0134, Tariff No. JG-2016-0136,
Missouri Gas Energy, an operating unit of Laclede Gas Company

FROM: Kory Boustead, Energy – Tariffs / Rate Design

/s/ Michael S. Schepelerle 12/7/15
Tariff/Rate Design Manager/Date

/s/ Jeffrey A. Keevil 12/7/15
Staff Counsel's Office/Date

SUBJECT: Staff Recommendation Regarding Missouri Gas Energy, an operating unit of Laclede Gas Company, Tariff filing to implement a low-income single family weatherization program in conjunction with the Independence Power & Light Pilot Weatherization Program and Motion for Expedited Treatment

DATE: December 7, 2015

On December 1, 2015, Missouri Gas Energy, an operating unit of Laclede Gas Company (“MGE” or “Company”), filed with the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Commission”) two (2) tariff sheets to implement a low-income single family weatherization program in conjunction with the Independence Power & Light (“IPL”) Pilot Weatherization Program (“Program”) with an effective date of January 1, 2016. On December 2, 2015, MGE filed a Motion for Expedited Treatment requesting an effective date for these tariffs of December 15, 2015.

The purpose of the Tariff Sheets is to authorize MGE to undertake a new, co-delivered pilot weatherization program with IPL. Under the joint program, MGE would work with IPL to install, monitor and evaluate a suite of weatherization measures for customers who receive natural gas service from MGE and electric service from IPL. In addition to enabling such customers to reduce their energy usage from both sources, the joint effort would also allow MGE and IPL to deliver such services more efficiently than would otherwise be possible on a stand-alone basis in that it would permit them to share in the cost of identifying eligible customers, installing the weatherization measures and evaluating the effectiveness of such measures.

The specific purpose, terms and conditions of the joint program have been discussed at length with MGE’s Energy Efficiency Collaborative (“EEC”), a group that includes MGE, the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission, the Office of the Public Counsel, the Division of Energy and other stakeholders. The members of the EEC have endorsed the joint program and will continue to provide oversight as the program is implemented.

It is MGE’s understanding that IPL wishes to commence the joint program by December 15, 2015. In order to accommodate this time schedule, and in light of the broad support among stakeholders for moving forward with the joint program, MGE has requested that the Commission approve the Tariff Sheets for service rendered on and after December 15, 2015.

According to MGE, there is good cause for such expedited treatment since it will permit MGE to implement its portion of the Joint Program at the same time that IPL commences its portion of the program, thereby permitting both MGE and IPL to obtain, from the outset, the maximum benefit from co-delivering the program.

MGE states that there will be no negative effect on its customers or the general public if the Commission approves its request.

Staff Recommendation

The Commission's Tariff/Rate Design Unit Staff ("Staff") has reviewed the tariff sheets, as filed by MGE on December 1, 2015, and is of the opinion that these sheets were filed in compliance with the Commission's Rules and that good cause has been shown for expedited treatment. Therefore, Staff recommends that the Commission issue an order approving the following tariff sheets, filed on December 1, 2015, to take effect on December 15, 2015, as requested by MGE:

P.S.C. MO. No.6

Original Sheet No. 106

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The Staff has verified that MGE has filed its annual report and is not delinquent on any assessment. Staff is not aware of any other matter before the Commission that affects or is affected by this filing.

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Independence Power) File No. GT-2016-0134

AFFIDAVIT OF KORY BOUSTEAD

STATE OF MISSOURI)
) ss
COUNTY OF COLE)

COMES NOW Kory Boustead and on her oath declares that she is of sound mind and lawful age; that she contributed to the attached Staff Memorandum; and that the same is true and correct according to her best knowledge and belief.

Further the Affiant sayeth not.



Kory Boustead

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 17th day of December, 2015.

SUSAN L. SUNDERMEYER
Notary Public - Notary Seal
State of Missouri
Commissioned for Callaway County
My Commission Expires: October 28, 2018
Commission Number: 14942086



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