

**STATE OF MISSOURI  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a session of the Public Service Commission held at its office in Jefferson City on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2017.

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

In the Matter of the Laclede Gas Company's Request to Increase Its Revenues for Gas Service )  
) **File No. GR-2017-0215**  
) Tariff No. YG-2017-0195

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

**ORDER SETTING LOCAL PUBLIC HEARINGS  
AND DIRECTING NOTICE**

Issue Date: June 28, 2017

Effective Date: June 28, 2017

On April 11, 2017, Laclede Gas Company submitted proposed tariff sheets designed to implement general rate increases for retail gas service in both its operating unit in eastern Missouri, Laclede, and its operating unit in Western Missouri, MGE. A majority of the parties filed joint recommendations for local public hearings on May 19, 2017. The Commission will adopt portions of the local public hearing schedule proposed by the parties, although some proposed hearing locations have changed to reflect facility availability. Additionally, the schedule was altered due to conflicts with the Commission's schedule.

The Commission will direct Laclede Gas Company to provide notice of the hearings to its Laclede and MGE customers using the agreed-upon notice language

described by the parties in the *Proposed Public Hearing Notices* filed on June 26, 2017, with the dates and locations as set out below.

**THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:**

1. The Commission shall hold local public hearings as follows:

<b>Date</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>Start Time</b>	<b>Location</b>
Sept. 19, 2017	Joplin	6:00 p.m.	Missouri Southern State Univ. Mills-Anderson Justice Center 3950 E. Newman Road Joplin, MO 64801
Sept. 21, 2017	Independence	12:00 p.m.	Mid Continent Public Library North Independence Branch Community 1 and 2 317 W. 24 Highway Independence, MO 64050
Sept. 21, 2017	St. Joseph	6:00 p.m.	City of St. Joseph, Missouri Council Chambers – Room 301 1100 Frederick Avenue St. Joseph, MO 64501
Oct. 2, 2017	Arnold	6:00 p.m.	Fox C-6 School District Fox Service Center Roy Wilde Conference Room 849 Jeffco Boulevard Arnold, MO 63010
Oct. 3, 2017	St. Louis	12:00 p.m.	Wohl Community Center Multipurpose Room 1515 North Kingshighway St. Louis, MO 63113
Oct. 3, 2017	St. Louis	6:00 p.m.	Harris-Stowe State University Early Childhood Development Center Professional Development Auditorium – Room 204 3026 Laclede St. Louis, MO 63103

Oct. 5, 2017	St. Louis	12:00 p.m.	Sunset Hills City Hall Council Chambers 3939 South Lindbergh Blvd. St. Louis, MO 63127
Oct. 5, 2017	St. Charles	6:00 p.m.	St. Charles County Council Council Chambers 100 N. 3 <sup>rd</sup> Street St. Charles, MO 63301
Oct. 11, 2017	Kansas City	6:00 p.m.	Bruce R. Watkins Cultural Heritage Center Auditorium 3700 Blue Parkway Kansas City, MO 64130
Oct. 12, 2017	Kansas City	12:00 p.m.	Kansas City Public Library – Plaza Branch Cohen Center 4801 Main Street Kansas City, MO 64112
Oct. 12, 2017	Gladstone	6:00 p.m.	Gladstone Community Center Gladstone/Linden Room 6901 N. Holmes Street Gladstone, MO 64118

2. The Commission’s Public Information Office shall make an informational presentation and conduct a question-and-answer session for the public at the beginning of each local public hearing.

3. Laclede Gas Company, the Commission’s Staff, and the Office of the Public Counsel shall each prepare a one-page statement outlining their current assessment of the case, and shall bring sufficient copies for distribution at the question-and-answer session that begins each local public hearing.

4. Laclede Gas Company, the Commission’s Staff, and the Office of the Public Counsel shall make a representative available to address substantive issues during the question-and-answer session.

5. Any other party, at its discretion, may prepare a statement and make a representative available to address substantive issues during the question and answer session.

6. No later than ten days before the local public hearings, Laclede Gas Company shall provide individual notice to each of its customers in its eastern Missouri gas service unit that includes the notice as set out below.

NOTICE OF LOCAL PUBLIC HEARINGS AND REQUEST FOR  
COMMENTS REGARDING PROPOSED INCREASE

Laclede Gas Company (LAC) has filed a request with the Missouri Public Service Commission (PSC) seeking to increase its rates for distributing natural gas by \$25.4 million, exclusive of amounts currently being recovered through its Infrastructure System Replacement Surcharge (ISRS) of \$32.6 million. LAC estimates this would result in an increase of \$3.31 per month for a typical residential customer. This typical customer impact is based upon an average gas usage of 67 therms per month, and your bill impact will vary based upon your gas usage. Your monthly gas usage can be found on your bill.

Your comments regarding LAC's request, including comments on how rates will be collected and any other issue regarding LAC's service, may be made in person during one of the local public hearings listed below, or may be submitted by mail, e-mail, phone or through the PSC's website.

The PSC will hold public hearings in which customers will have an opportunity to present comments to the PSC commissioners about the rate increase request. Each public hearing will begin with a public question and answer session, followed by the taking of public comments.

Public comment hearings have been set before the PSC as follows:

Monday,  
October 2, 2017

6:00 p.m.

Fox C-6 School District  
Fox Service Center  
Roy Wilde Conference Room  
849 Jeffco Boulevard  
Arnold, MO 63010

Tuesday, October 3, 2017	12:00 p.m.	Wohl Community Center Multipurpose Room 1515 North Kingshighway St. Louis, MO 63113
Tuesday October 3, 2017	6:00 p.m.	Harris-Stowe State University Early Childhood Development Center Professional Development Auditorium – Room 204 3026 Laclede St. Louis, MO 63103
Thursday, October 5, 2017	12:00 p.m.	Sunset Hills City Hall Council Chambers 3939 South Lindbergh Blvd. St. Louis, MO 63127
Thursday, October 5, 2017	6:00 p.m.	St. Charles County Council Chambers 100 N. 3 <sup>rd</sup> Street St. Charles, MO 63301

If you are unable to attend a live public hearing and wish to make written comments or secure additional information, you may contact the Missouri Public Service Commission, P.O. Box 360, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102, telephone (800) 392-4211, email [pscinfo@psc.mo.gov](mailto:pscinfo@psc.mo.gov); or the Office of the Public Counsel, P.O. Box 2230, Jefferson City, Missouri, 65102, telephone (866) 922-2959, email [opcservice@ded.mo.gov](mailto:opcservice@ded.mo.gov). Comments may also be registered in the case using the Commission's electronic filing system at <https://www.efis.psc.mo.gov/mpsc/Comments.html>. If submitting comments electronically, please reference Case No. GR-2017-0215.

The Commission will also conduct an evidentiary hearing at its offices in Jefferson City from December 4-8, 2017 and December 11-15, 2017 beginning at 9:00 am on the first day. The hearings and local public hearings will be held in buildings that meet accessibility standards required by the Americans with Disabilities Act. If a customer needs additional accommodations to participate in the hearings, please call the PSC's Hotline at (800) 392-4211 (voice) or Relay Missouri at 711 before the hearing.

7. No later than ten days before the local public hearings, Laclede Gas Company shall provide individual notice to each of its customers in its western Missouri, Missouri Gas Energy, gas service unit that includes the notice as set out below.

NOTICE OF LOCAL PUBLIC HEARINGS AND REQUEST FOR  
COMMENTS REGARDING PROPOSED INCREASE

Missouri Gas Energy (MGE), an operating unit of Laclede Gas Company, has filed a request with the Missouri Public Service Commission (PSC) seeking to increase its rates for distributing natural gas by \$34.0 million annually, exclusive of amounts currently being recovered through its Infrastructure System Replacement Surcharge (ISRS) of approximately \$16.4 million. MGE estimates this would result in an increase of \$5.09 per month for a typical residential customer. This typical customer impact is based upon an average gas usage of 64 ccf per month, and your bill impact will vary based upon your gas usage. Your monthly gas usage can be found on your bill.

Your comments regarding MGE's request, including comments on how rates will be collected and any other issue regarding MGE's service, may be made in person during one of the local public hearings listed below, or may be submitted by mail, e-mail, phone or through the PSC's website.

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Service Commission's Hotline at 1-800-392-4211 (voice) or Relay Missouri at 711 before the hearings.

9. The Data Center of the Missouri Public Service Commission shall mail a copy of this order to the county commission of each county in Laclede Gas Company's service area, as well as upon the governing body for the City of St. Louis.

10. The Public Information Office of the Missouri Public Service Commission shall send a copy of this order to members of the General Assembly and to the media that serve Laclede Gas Company's service area.

11. In order for Staff to have sufficient time to break down and move its sound equipment to different hearing locations in the same day, all hearings scheduled to begin at 12:00 p.m. noon shall end no later than 3:00 p.m.

12. Any witness who testifies at a local public hearing shall not be permitted to testify at other local public hearings held in this matter.

13. Witness testimony at local public hearings shall be limited to five minutes per person. No person may donate their time for testimony to another witness in order to extend that witness' testimony time to more than five minutes.

14. Counsel for a party shall file any objection to an exhibit offered by a witness at a local public hearing no later than five business days after that exhibit is filed in the Commission's electronic filing and information system (EFIS).



15. This order shall be effective when issued.



**BY THE COMMISSION**

*Morris L. Woodruff*

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Secretary

Hall, Chm., Stoll, Kenney,  
Rupp, and Coleman, CC., concur.

Dippell, Senior Regulatory Law Judge

**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 28<sup>th</sup> day of June 2017.



  
Morris L. Woodruff  
Secretary

**MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**June 28, 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,**



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