BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION STATE OF MISSOURI

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In the Matter of Laclede Gas Company's Tariff to Revise Natural Gas Rate Schedules

Case No. GR-2010-0171

VERIFIED APPLICATION OF USW LOCAL 11-6 TO INTERVENE

COMES NOW USW Local 11-6 ("Local 11-6"), by counsel, and respectfully applies to this Commission for permission to intervene in this proceeding pursuant to 4 CSR 240-2.075. In support of this application, Local 11-6 states:

1. This matter involves a petition filed by Laclede Gas Company requesting to revise its rate schedules to increase the rates charged to its customers for natural gas service.

2. Local 11-6 is a labor organization that represents for purposes of collective bargaining approximately 850 of Laclede's employees in "physical" classifications such as production, maintenance, operations, and distribution jobs.

3. The principal place of business for Local 11-6 is located at 7750 Olive Boulevard, St. Louis, Missouri 63130. The telephone number for Local 11-6 is (314) 721-8448, and its fax number is (314) 721-8789. Local 11-6's electronic mail address is gasworkerslocal@sbcglobal.net.

4. Although Local 11-6 is, technically, an unincorporated association, labor unions are not required to register their names as fictitious names with the Missouri Secretary of State. Thus, Local 11-6 does not have evidence of any such registration.

5. Though Local 11-6 is an "association," it does not seem to be the type of association to which 4 CSR 240-2.060(1)(J) and 4 CSR 240-2.075(3) are directed. It

does not appear to be the intent of those regulatory subsections for Local 11-6 to file a list of all of its members, and Local 11-6 hereby respectfully requests a waiver of complying with said requirement. Should this Commission determine that Local 11-6 must comply with the subsection, the required list will be tendered immediately.

6. All correspondence, communications, orders, and decisions of the Commission here should be sent to:

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7. Local 11-6 does not have any pending actions or final unsatisfied judgments or decisions against it as contemplated by 4 CSR 240-2.060(1)(K).

8. Local 11-6 does not have any annual reports or assessment fees that are overdue.

9. Local 11-6 seeks permission to intervene in this matter pursuant to 4 CSR 240-2.075.

10. As the exclusive collective bargaining representative of certain of Laclede's non-managerial, non-professional employees, Local 11-6 and the employees it represents have interests in this proceeding which are clearly different from those of the general public. Where the public's interests here are concentrated in the safe and dependable delivery of natural gas and related products and services at a reasonable cost, Local 11-6 and the employees it represents are also concerned with the impact of the

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requested rate change on its members' jobs and other terms and conditions of their employment.

11. No other party to this proceeding can adequately represent the additional, legitimate concerns of Local 11-6 and the employees it represents here.

WHEREFORE, USW Local 11-6 respectfully asks the Commission to grant this application and to permit Local 11-6 to intervene here.

Respectfully submitted,

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VERIFICATION

COMES NOW Sherrie A. Schroder and upon her oath states that she is a licensed attorney in good standing in Missouri, that she is familiar with the matters set forth in this application, and that the matters alleged are true and correct to the best of her knowledge, information, and belief. Ms. Schroder further states that she has been authorized to sign and file this application on behalf of USW Local 11-6.

Sherrie A. Schroder

Subscribed and sworn to before me this \mathscr{B}^{H} day of January, 2010.

My Commission Expires:

Notary Public



MELANIE E. WILHELM My Commission Expires February 28, 2011 St. Louis County Commission #07017667

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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 all counsel of record this January 11, 2010.

/s/ Sherrie A. Schroder