BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of Laclede Gas Company, Missouri Gas Energy's Purchased Gas Adjustment Tariff Filing

Case No. GR-2014-0324

STAFF REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME IN WHICH TO RESPOND TO MISSOURI GAS ENERGY'S RESPONSE TO ORDER

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COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission in the above-captioned matter and submits this *Staff Request for Extension of Time in Which to Respond to Missouri Gas Energy's Response to Order*, and in support thereof states as follows:

1. On May 27, 2016, Missouri Gas Energy ("MGE"), an operating unit of Laclede Gas Company, filed *Missouri Gas Energy's Response to Order Directing Filing* of Status Report and Request for Waiver/Variance pursuant to the Commission's Order Directing Filing of Status Report and Request for Waiver/Variance ("Order") issued on March 29, 2016. The Order required MGE to file either a request for waiver/variance of the documentation requirements identified in Staff's Reply to *Missouri Gas Energy's Response to Staff ACA Recommendation* or a response no later than May 27, 2016.

2. Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.080(13) provides that "Parties shall be allowed ten (10) days from the date of filing in which to respond to any pleading *unless otherwise ordered by the commission.*" (Emphasis added)

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3. Due to scheduling conflicts and the press of other business, Staff is unable to respond to MGE's filing made on May 27, 2016 within 10 days of the date MGE's pleading was filed, which would be June 6, 2016. Staff respectfully requests an additional 10 days in which to respond to MGE's May 27 pleading; such an extension would make Staff's response due no later than June 16, 2016. No party will be harmed by granting this brief extension.

WHEREFORE, Staff respectfully requests the Commission issue an order granting Staff until no later than June 16, 2016 in which to respond to *Missouri Gas Energy's Response to Order Directing Filing of Status Report and Request for Waiver/Variance* filed on May 27, 2016.

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 2^{nd} day of June, 2016.

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