BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Revision to Missouri Gas Energy's Temporary Low-Income Energy Affordability Program

Case No. GO-2015-00___

MOTION FOR EXPEDITED TREATMENT

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COMES NOW Missouri Gas Energy, an operating unit of Laclede Gas Company ("MGE"), and submits this Motion for Expedited Treatment (this "Motion") for approval by the Commission, stating as follows:

1. This filing accompanies a proposed tariff revision to MGE's Temporary Low-Income Energy Affordability Program (the "Program"). The primary reason for the revision is to re-open the enrollment period for the Program in order to provide more low-income customers an opportunity to participate in the Program.

2. The Commission approved the Program effective May 1, 2014, in connection with the settlement of Case No. GR-2014-0007. The original enrollment period for the Program expired on June 30, 2014. However, due to technical difficulties experienced by one or more of the community action agencies operating in MGE's service territory, the Program provided only about 30% of the \$400,000 in assistance authorized by the Commission.

3. In order to extend the Program to a larger base of customers as contemplated by the funding allowance, MGE is seeking expedited approval of its tariff revision re-opening the enrollment period for the Program and extending it through August 31. In addition, the tariff acknowledges that customers who qualified for LIHEAP in the past year would, by definition, meet the income

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qualifications of the Program and need not be further subject to income eligibility requirements. MGE requests that the Commission approve First Revised Tariff Sheet No. R-93 effective August 7, 2014. A specimen copy of the tariff is attached hereto as Exhibit A, and has also been submitted in EFIS as a tariff filing.

4. There is good cause for such expedited treatment since it will permit MGE and its associated community action agencies to more closely fulfill the intent and goals of the Program as stated herein.

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

6. MGE has shared the revised tariff with Staff and OPC and are authorized to state that neither opposes the revised tariff or this filing.

7. This pleading was filed as soon as it could have been following discussion with Staff and OPC.

WHEREFORE, for the foregoing reasons, MGE requests that the Commission issue its Order approving the Revised Tariff Sheet No. R-93, effective as of August 7, 2014.

Respectfully Submitted,

MISSOURI GAS ENERGY

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I hereby certify that copies of the above and foregoing document were sent by electronic mail on this 1st day of August, 2014 to counsel for Staff and the Office of the Public Counsel.

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