

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

**In the Matter of Laclede Gas Company's)
Request to Increase its Revenues for)
Gas Service)**

Case No. GR-2017-0215

**In the Matter of Laclede Gas Company)
d/b/a Missouri Gas Energy's)
Request to Increase its Revenues for)
Gas Service)**

Case No. GR-2017-0216

MOTION TO APPEAR AND PARTICIPATE PRO HAC VICE

Natalie M. Karas, pursuant to 4 CSR 240-2.040(3)(C) and Missouri Supreme Court Rules 6.01(m) and 9.03, petitions the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission) for leave to be permitted to appear and participate in the above-captioned matters. In support of this Motion to Appear and Participate Pro Hac Vice, I respectfully state as follows:

1. I am a Senior Regulatory Attorney at the Environmental Defense Fund with a Washington DC office at 1875 Connecticut Avenue NW Washington, DC 20009. I wish to represent EDF pro hac vice in this matter.
2. I am a member in good standing of the Bar of Illinois, the District of Columbia, and the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit. I have never been subject to disciplinary proceedings of any kind. I am not admitted to practice in Missouri.
3. Neither I, nor any other attorney at EDF, is disqualified to appear before these courts or this Commission.
4. Pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 6.01(m), a fee of \$410 has been paid to the Clerk of the Missouri Supreme Court as shown in the attached certificate in Exhibit A issued on May

24, 2017 to participate in Case No. GR-2017-0215. An additional \$410 fee was paid to the Clerk of the Missouri Supreme Court as shown in the attached certificate in Exhibit A issued May 31, 2017 to participate in Case No. GR-2017-0216.

5. I am associated in this matter with Maxine Lipeles of the Interdisciplinary Environmental Clinic at Washington University School of Law, 1 Brookings Drive, Campus Box 1120 St. Louis, MO 63130. Maxine Lipeles is a member in good standing of the Missouri Bar and is qualified to practice before this Commission pursuant to 4 CSR 240-2.040(3)(A). I respectfully designate Maxine Lipeles as associate counsel. She has previously filed an Entry of Appearance on behalf of EDF in this proceeding.
6. If this application to appear pro hac vice is granted I agree to abide by the Rules of the Commission, including all disciplinary rules, and notify the Commission immediately of any matter affecting my standing at the bar of any court.

WHEREFORE, I respectfully request that this motion to appear and participate pro hac vice be granted.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Natalie Karas

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Exhibit A



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May 24, 2017

This will hereby acknowledge receipt of \$410 as required by Rule 6.01(m) for Natalie Karas, appearing in In the Matter of Laclede Gas Company's Request to Increase Its Revenues for Gas Service, Case No. GR-2017-0215, before the Missouri Public Service Commission, State of Missouri.

Betsy AuBuchon, Clerk

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May 31, 2017

This will hereby acknowledge receipt of \$410 as required by Rule 6.01(m) for Natalie Karas, appearing in In The Matter of Laclede Gas Company d/b/a Missouri Gas Energy's Request to Increase Its Revenues for Gas Service, Case No. GR-2017-0216, before the Missouri Public Service Commission, State of Missouri.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Betsy AuBuchon".

Betsy AuBuchon, Clerk

Certificate of Service

A copy of the foregoing pleading has been served by email this 13th day of July, 2017 upon counsel of record in this proceeding.

/s/ Natalie Karas