BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Laclede Gas Company's Tariff)
Sheets to Extend and Revise the Company's Gas)
Case No. GT-99-303
Supply Incentive Plan.

ORDER GRANTING INTERVENTION

The Commission issued an Order Directing Notice on June 7, 1999, which directed any party wishing to intervene or to file comments in this matter to file an application or their written comments no later than June 28, 1999.

Prior to this notice, on June 1, 1999, the Missouri Energy Group (Missouri Energy), which consists of Barnes-Jewish Hospital, DaimlerChrysler Corporation, Emerson Electric Company, SSM HealthCare, and Unity Health System, filed for leave to intervene. Missouri Energy owns and operates large industrial plants and hospitals within the state of Missouri, and purchases substantial amounts of natural gas and transportation service from Laclede Gas Company (Laclede). Missouri Energy indicates that the rates for and terms and conditions of their natural gas service may be substantially affected by the outcome of this case, and that its interest in the case is to avoid adverse impact on the rates for and terms and conditions of its natural gas service. Missouri Energy is in opposition to the relief sought and states that its interest in this proceeding is different from that of the general public.

On June 28, Missouri Gas Energy (MGE) filed an application to intervene. MGE is a division of Southern Union Company and is a public utility engaged in the distribution of natural gas at retail to approximately 480,000 customers in various counties in western Missouri. MGE states that its interest in this proceeding is different from that of the general public. MGE's position is that the extension and revisions proposed by Laclede for its Gas Supply Incentive Plan (GSIP) are appropriate and should be adopted by the Commission.

The Commission has reviewed the applications for intervention from the Missouri Energy and MGE, and has determined that the applications are in substantial compliance with Commission rules regarding intervention and that the Missouri Energy Group and MGE have interests in this matter which are different from those of the general public. The Commission concludes that the requests for intervention should be granted.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

- 1. That intervention is granted to the Missouri Energy Group, which consists of Barnes-Jewish Hospital, DaimlerChrysler Corporation, Emerson Electric Company, SSM HealthCare, and Unity Health System.
 - 2. That intervention is granted to Missouri Gas Energy.

3. That this order shall become effective on July 16, 1999.

BY THE COMMISSION

Adde Hardy Roberts

Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

(SEAL)

Vicky Ruth, Regulatory Law Judge, by delegation of authority pursuant to 4 CSR 240-2.120(1) (November 30, 1995) and Section 386.240, RSMo 1994.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri, on this 16th day of July, 1999.

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