

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

In the Matter of Union Electric Company d/b/a)
Ameren Missouri’s Filing to Implement Regulatory) File No. EO-2012-0142
Changes in Furtherance of Energy Efficiency)
As Allowed by MEEIA.)

**REQUEST TO APPROVE STIPULATION AND AGREEMENT BETWEEN
AMEREN MISSOURI AND LACLEDE GAS COMPANY**

COME NOW Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri (“Ameren Missouri”) and Laclede Gas Company (“Laclede” or “Company”) (together, the “Parties”) and present this Stipulation and Agreement to the Commission for the Commission’s approval, and in support thereof respectfully state as follows:

1. On January 20, 2012, Ameren Missouri filed an application under the MEEIA rules to implement regulatory changes required to pursue energy efficiency (EE). Laclede intervened in the case and sponsored the Rebuttal Testimony of James Travis on April 13, 2012. Ameren Missouri filed surrebuttal testimony on May 4, 2012 in which its witness Daniel Laurent addressed Mr. Travis’ rebuttal testimony.

2. Laclede’s rebuttal testimony addressed two main points: (i) that the parties should pursue opportunities to jointly deliver energy efficiency programs where feasible, and (ii) that Ameren’s programs should be designed to avoid the unintended consequence of fuel switching. Ameren Missouri’s surrebuttal testimony essentially agreed in principle with Laclede’s points and, as a result, the parties hereto believe it is more efficient to set forth their agreement than to use hearing time on matters that are not in dispute.

3. As their Stipulation and Agreement, Ameren Missouri and Laclede hereby agree as follows:

A. Ameren Missouri and Laclede have communicated on a number of occasions over the past few years regarding various EE and conservation issues. The Parties agree to continue to communicate on EE and conservation issues and, where feasible and beneficial to customers, to explore joint gas-electric EE and conservation programs, and to consider including other area utility providers in such programs. Specifically, the Parties agree that they will work together to design EE programs that will promote energy efficiency in a manner not designed to induce a customer to choose one fuel (electric or natural gas) over the other. The Parties understand that in evaluating joint programs, Laclede will be seeking input from its collaborative.

B. Ameren Missouri and Laclede Gas maintain that their current EE programs have not and do not lead to load building, are not sufficient to induce customers to fuel switch from electricity to gas or vice-versa, and are designed only to provide incentives to encourage customers to move from lower levels of electric or natural gas equipment efficiencies to higher levels than they otherwise would absent such incentives. The parties agree that Ameren Missouri and Laclede will continue to design their EE programs in this manner. The Parties understand that Laclede's programs are designed with input from its collaborative.

C. Nothing contained herein shall prevent either Party from proposing or advocating a program that is designed to promote one fuel source over another.

In the event a Party applies to the Commission for approval of such a program, it will provide the other Party notice on or before the date it files the application.

D. In the event the Commission does not approve this Stipulation and Agreement, or approves it with modifications or conditions to which a Party objects, then this Stipulation and Agreement shall be void and no signatory shall be bound by any of its provisions.

E. If the Commission approves this Stipulation and Agreement, the Parties waive their following respective rights, but only with respect to the specific issues resolved herein: their respective rights pursuant to Section 536.080.1, RSMo. (2000) to present testimony, to cross-examine each other's witnesses, to present oral argument and written briefs; to the reading of the transcript by the Commission pursuant to Section 536.070, RSMo. (2000); and to judicial review pursuant to Section 386.510, RSMo. (2000).

F. The Parties agree that all of their prefiled testimony submitted on the issues resolved herein shall be received into evidence without the necessity of the respective witnesses taking the stand.

WHEREFORE, for the foregoing reasons, the undersigned Parties respectfully request that the Commission issue its Order approving this Stipulation and Agreement.

Respectfully submitted,

LACLEDE GAS COMPANY

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Rick Zucker hereby certifies that the foregoing pleading has been duly served upon the General Counsel of the Staff of the Public Service Commission, the Office of the Public Counsel, and the other parties to this case by hand delivery, email, fax, or United States mail, postage prepaid, on this 11th day of May, 2012.

/s/ Rick Zucker

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