

**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)

APPLICATION TO INTERVENE

COMES NOW Laclede Gas Company ("Laclede" or "Company") and, pursuant to 4 CSR 240-2.075 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, files its Application to Intervene, respectfully stating as follows:

1. Laclede is a public utility and gas corporation incorporated under the laws of the State of Missouri, with its principal office located at 720 Olive Street, St. Louis, Missouri 63101. A Certificate of Good Standing evidencing Laclede's standing to do business in Missouri was submitted in Case No. GF-2009-0450 and is incorporated by reference herein for all purposes. The information in such Certificate is current and correct.

2. Laclede is engaged in the business of distributing and transporting natural gas to customers in the City of St. Louis and the Counties of St. Louis, St. Charles, Crawford, Jefferson, Franklin, Iron, St. Genevieve, St. Francois, Madison, and Butler in Eastern Missouri, as a gas corporation subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission.

3. Communications in regard to this Application should be addressed to:

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4. Other than cases that have been docketed at the Commission, Laclede has no pending actions or final unsatisfied judgments or decisions against it from any state or federal agency or court which involve customer service or rates.

5. Laclede is current on its annual report and assessment fee obligations to the Commission, and no such report or assessment fee is overdue.

6. On January 20, 2012, Union Electric Company, d/b/a Ameren Missouri (“Ameren”) filed an application for approval of certain programs and other matters pertaining to the efficient use of electricity. As the local gas distributor for a large portion of Ameren’s electric service territory, and as a utility that also offers its own energy efficiency programs, Laclede is interested in exploring the opportunities to partner with Ameren in cooperative ventures that may enhance the delivery and effectiveness of such programs for customers who use both electric and natural gas service. As a result, Laclede has an interest in participating in this case to better understand Ameren’s programs.

7. Pursuant to Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.075(4), Laclede states that its interest clearly differs from that of the general public. It is also possible that Laclede’s interests may be adversely affected by a final order herein. Finally, Laclede believes that granting intervention will serve the public interest, as Laclede hopes that a better understanding of Ameren’s programs may lead to synergies that inure to the benefit of the public.

8. Laclede is unable to take a position on the relief sought in this proceeding, although at this time Laclede does not anticipate opposing the relief sought by the applicant.

WHEREFORE, for the foregoing reasons, Laclede Gas Company respectfully requests that the Commission grant Laclede's Application to Intervene in this proceeding.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Gerry Lynch hereby certifies that the foregoing pleading has been duly served upon the General Counsel of the Staff of the Public Service Commission and the Office of the Public Counsel by hand delivery, email, fax, or United States mail, postage prepaid, on this 27th day of January, 2012.

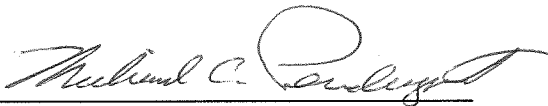
/s/ Gerry Lynch

Gerry Lynch

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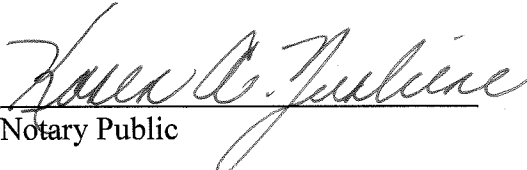
STATE OF MISSOURI)
) SS.
CITY OF ST. LOUIS)

I, Michael C. Pendergast, being first duly sworn, verify that I am an officer and an attorney for Laclede Gas Company. I am licensed to practice law in the State of Missouri and have been authorized to file the foregoing Application to Intervene, which is correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.



Michael C. Pendergast

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 27th day of January, 2012.



Notary Public

My Commission expires: 2/18/12

