

**STATE OF MISSOURI  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a session of the Public Service Commission held at its office in Jefferson City on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2015.

In the Matter of Missouri Gas Energy's (Laclede) PGA Filing	) )	<b><u>File No. GR-2015-0203</u></b> Tariff No. YG-2016-0110
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**ORDER APPROVING TARIFF AND GRANTING VARIANCE**

Issue Date: November 4, 2015

Effective Date: November 6, 2015

On October 28, 2015, Missouri Gas Energy ("MGE") filed a tariff sheet proposed to become effective November 13, 2015. Also on October 28, 2015, MGE filed an Application for Variance and Motion for Expedited Treatment to allow the rate change to go into effect November 6, 2015, or as soon thereafter as reasonably practical. The tariff sheet reflects changes in MGE's Purchased Gas Adjustment ("PGA") as a result of estimated changes in the cost of natural gas. MGE's filing will decrease the firm PGA factor to \$0.46224 from \$0.53209. This represents a decrease of \$0.06985 per Ccf, which is a decrease in the average residential customer's bill of 7.3 percent, or \$4.78 per month.

The Commission's Staff filed its recommendation on November 3, 2015. Staff recommends that the rates be approved on an interim basis, subject to refund, and pending final decisions in File Nos. GR-2015-0203 and GR-2014-0324, which are actions that address MGE's PGA factors in actual cost adjustment filings. Staff also recommends the Commission order it to file the results of its review of the ACA factors represented in this filing no later than December 16, 2016.

The Commission has reviewed the proposed tariff sheet and Staff's recommendation. The Commission finds that the proposed tariff sheet conforms to MGE's Commission-approved PGA Clause. In addition, because MGE's PGA Clause allows for PGA change filings to take effect on 10 days' notice, good cause has been shown pursuant to Section 393.140(11), RSMo 2000, to permit the tariff to become effective on less than 30 days' notice. Because of the magnitude of the rate decrease resulting from this tariff filing, and its beneficial impact on the winter bills paid by its customers, the Commission finds it is appropriate to implement the decrease as soon as reasonably practical. The Commission will grant a one-time variance from Section 1B of Fifth Revised Tariff Sheet No. 15 of MGE's PGA Tariff which generally requires that PGA filings be made at least ten business days prior to their effective dates. No party has objected to MGE's request for variance and motion for expedited treatment. The Commission concludes that the proposed tariff sheets should be approved to become effective on November 6, 2015, on an interim basis, subject to refund.

**THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:**

1. Missouri Gas Energy's Verified Application for Variance and Motion for Expedited Treatment is granted.
2. The proposed tariff sheet filed on October 28, 2015 by Missouri Gas Energy, assigned tracking no. YG-2016-0110 and bearing an effective date of November 13, 2015, is approved on an interim basis, subject to refund, to be effective on November 6, 2015.

The tariff sheet approved is:

**P.S.C. MO. No. 6**

Fourth Revised Sheet No. 24.3, canceling Third Revised Sheet No. 24.3

3. The Commission's Staff shall file the results of its review of the ACA factors represented in this filing no later than December 16, 2016.

4. This order shall become effective on November 6, 2015.

**BY THE COMMISSION**



*Morris L. Woodruff*

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Secretary

Hall, Chm., Stoll, Kenney,  
Rupp, and Coleman, CC., concur.

Bushmann, Senior Regulatory Law Judge