

**NOTICE OF LOCAL PUBLIC HEARINGS AND REQUEST FOR
COMMENTS REGARDING PROPOSED RATE INCREASE**

In September 2013, Missouri Gas Energy (MGE) filed a request with the Missouri Public Service Commission (PSC) for a \$23 million rate increase. MGE proposes to raise the monthly fixed customer charge to \$40.95 per month for the five cold weather months of November through March, and to lower the customer charge to \$22.31 per month for the seven warm weather months of April through October. MGE's residential customers currently pay a monthly fixed customer charge of \$26.88 per month to compensate MGE for the cost of distributing gas. MGE last received a general rate increase in February 2010.

The PSC seeks your comments regarding MGE's request, including comments on how rates will be collected and any other issue regarding MGE's service. Comments may be made in person during one of the local public hearings listed below, or comments may be submitted by mail, e-mail, phone, or through the PSC's website.

The PSC will hold public hearings in which customers will have an opportunity to present comments to the PSC commissioners about the rate increase request. Each public hearing will begin with a public question and answer session, followed by the taking of public comments. Public comment hearings have been set before the PSC as follows:

February 18, 2014: 6:00 p.m. Corley Auditorium (located in Webster Hall)
Missouri State Southern University
3950 Newman Rd., Joplin, Mo. 64801

February 24, 2014: 12:00 pm Cohen Center
Kansas City Public Library – Plaza Branch
4801 Main St., Kansas City, Mo. 64112

February 24, 2014: 6:00 p.m. Gladstone Community Center
6901 N. Holmes St., Gladstone, Mo. 64118

February 25, 2014: 12:00 pm St. Joseph Public Library - East Hills Branch
502 N. Woodbine Rd, St. Joseph, Mo. 64506

February 25, 2014: 5:30 p.m. Mid-Continent Public Library –
North Independence Branch
317 W. 24 Hwy., Independence, Mo. 64050

If you are unable to attend a live public hearing and wish to make written comments or secure additional information, you may contact the Missouri Public Service Commission, P.O. Box 360 Jefferson City, Missouri 65102, telephone (800) 392-4211, email pscinfo@psc.mo.gov; or the Office of the Public Counsel, P.O. Box 2230, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102, telephone (866) 922-2959, email opcservice@ded.mo.gov.

Comments may also be registered in the case using the Commission's electronic filing system at <https://www.efis.psc.mo.gov/mpsc/Comments.html>. If submitting comments electronically, please reference Case Number GR-2014-0007.

The Commission will also conduct an evidentiary hearing at its offices in Jefferson City from April 14-18 and from April 21-25, 2014, beginning at 8:30 a.m. The hearings and local public hearings will be held in buildings that meet accessibility standards required by the Americans with Disabilities Act. If a customer needs additional accommodations to participate in these hearings, please call the Public Service Commission's Hotline at (800)-392-4211 (voice) or Relay Missouri at 711 before the hearing.