BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of a Working Docket to Address the Hedging Practices of Electric Utilities used to Mitigate

File No. EW-2013-0101

The Rising Costs of Fuel

STAFF'S NOTICE OF SCHEDULED WORKSHOP

COMES NOW the Staff ("Staff") of the Missouri Public Service Commission, by and through counsel, and for its *Notice of Scheduled Workshop* respectfully states:

- 1. In File Number EO-2011-0390, the Commission determined that it was appropriate to open this investigatory docket to review policies and procedures with regard to electric companies' hedging programs, and to assist the utilities in developing effective hedging programs that serve the public interest by mitigating the rising costs of fuel.
- 2. On September 5, 2012, the Commission issued a *Notice Opening File*, and an *Order Directing Notice and Directing Filing* that ordered Staff to file by October 8, 2012, a schedule for workshops to discuss this issue.
- 3. In response to the Commission's order, Staff has scheduled an initial stakeholder workshop to be held on November 14, 2012, beginning at 1 p.m. in Room 310 at the Governor's Office Building, 200 Madison Street, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102.
- 4. During the November 14 meeting, stakeholders will discuss potential topics and potential future workshop dates. Staff will draft and file a complete agenda for this initial stakeholder meeting.
- 5. After the November 14 meeting, Staff will file a schedule of additional workshop dates in this docket.

6. Staff recommends the Commission order its Data Center to serve a copy of this notice to the investor-owned gas local distribution companies (LDCs), in order to facilitate a comprehensive discussion of this issue. A list of LDCs operating in Missouri and their service addresses is attached here as Appendix A and incorporated by reference.

WHEREFORE, Staff submits this *Notice of Scheduled Workshop* and requests the Commission to order its Data Center to serve a copy of this notice to the gas LDCs listed in Appendix A.

Respectfully Submitted,

STAFF OF THE MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that true and correct copies of the foregoing were served electronically to all counsel of record this 5th day of October, 2012.

/s/ John D. Borgmeyer

APPENDIX A:

Investor-Owned Gas Local Distribution Companies Operating in Missouri

Union Electric d/b/a Ameren Missouri Thomas M. Byrne ATTN: In-House Attorney Representative P.O. Box 66149 (MC 1310) 1901 Chouteau Avenue St. Louis MO 63166-6149

Laclede Gas Company Michael Pendergast / Rick E. Zucker ATTN: Attorney Representative 720 Olive Street, Suite 1520 St. Louis MO 63101

Liberty Energy (Midstates) Corp. d/b/a Liberty Utilities ATTN: Attorney Representative Fischer & Dority, P.C. 101 Madison, Suite 400 Jefferson City MO 65101

The Empire District Gas Company ATTN: Diana C. Carter or Attorney Representative P.O. Box 456 312 East Capitol Ave. Jefferson City MO 65102

Southern Union Company, d/b/a Missouri Gas Energy Todd J. Jacobs 3420 Broadway Kansas City, MO 64111

Summit Natural Gas of Missouri, Inc. ATTN: Dean L. Cooper or Attorney Representative P.O. Box 456 312 East Capitol Ave. Jefferson City, MO 65102