

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

In the Matter of Laclede Gas Company's)
Application for Authority to Issue and Sell)
First Mortgage Bonds, Unsecured Debt and) **Case No. GF-2015- 01____**
Preferred Stock, and to Issue Common Stock)
and Receive Capital Contributions)

**LACLEDE'S NOTICE OF INTENT TO FILE AN APPLICATION
FOR APPROVAL OF FINANCING AUTHORITY**

COMES NOW Laclede Gas Company ("Laclede") and files this Notice of Intent to File an Application for Approval of Financing Authority (this "Notice"), respectfully stating as follows:

1. By order dated October 24, 2012 in Case No. GF-2013-0085, the Commission extended Laclede's financing authority to June 30, 2015.

2. In paragraph 11b of the Stipulation and Agreement approved in the MGE acquisition case, Case No. GM-2013-0254 (the "Merger Agreement"), the parties agreed that Laclede shall file a 60 day notice of intention to file a financing application.

3. Laclede clarifies that this notice is being filed pursuant to the Merger Agreement and not pursuant to Commission Rule 4.020(2),¹ which requires utilities to file notices prior to filing cases likely to be a contested case. For the reason provided below, Laclede does not believe that this case is likely to be a contested case.

4. Paragraph 11b of the Merger Agreement further provides that, prior to the expiration of the current financing authority, Laclede will submit an application requesting a renewal of its financing authority in accordance with the requirements of Section 393.200 RSMo. In a Report and Order dated June 16, 2010 in Case No. GF-

¹ 4 CSR 240-4.020(2)

2009-0450, the Commission interpreted the language of Section 393.200 to determine the amount of financing authority to be granted to Laclede. Laclede intends to file for financing authority in this case within the boundaries set by the Commission in Case No. GF-2009-0450.

WHEREFORE, Laclede respectfully requests that the Commission accept this notice of intent to file a financing application as set forth in the Merger Agreement.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that the foregoing pleading has been duly served upon the General Counsel of the Staff and on the Office of the Public Counsel by hand delivery, email, fax, or United States mail, postage prepaid, on this 3rd day of February, 2014.

/s/ Marcia Spangler

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