

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

In The Matter of Missouri Gas Energy's) File No. GT-2017-0220 Proposed Rebate Tariff
Sheet Filing) Tariff No. JG-2017-0150

In The Matter of Laclede Gas Company's) File No. GT-2017-0221 Proposed Rebate Tariff
Sheet Filing) Tariff No. JG-2017-0151

RESPONSE TO MOTION TO SUSPEND OR REJECT TARIFF

COMES NOW Laclede Gas Company ("Laclede" or "Company") on behalf of itself and its operating unit Missouri Gas Energy ("MGE") and pursuant to the Commission's February 14, 2017 Order in this proceeding submits the following Response to Staff's Motion to Suspend or Reject Tariff.

1. On February 14, 2017, the Staff filed motions to suspend certain tariffs filed by Laclede and MGE relating to their respective energy efficiency programs. In support of its Motion to Suspend, Staff specifically pointed to the proposed rebate for gas storage water heaters with capacities of 20 to 55 gallons. Staff asserted that no demonstration had been made that the rebate was a cost-effective demand resource.

2. Since Staff filed its Motion, the Company and Staff have had additional discussions among themselves and with the members of the Energy Efficiency Collaborative. As a result of those discussions, Laclede and MGE filed substitute tariff sheets on this date removing the water heater rebate from its portfolio of demand side resources.

3. With the elimination of this measure, it is the Company's understanding that the Staff has no objection to the tariffs, as modified, going into effective by their requested effective date of February 22, 2017 and that Staff will shortly be filing a recommendation to that effect as soon as it reviews the filed substitute tariff sheet. Accordingly, Laclede and MGE request that

the tariff sheets not be suspended pending that filing by Staff and that they be permitted to go into effect on February 22, 2017.

Wherefore, for the foregoing reasons, Laclede and MGE respectfully request that the Commission accept this response.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned certifies that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Application and Petition was served on the General Counsel of the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission and the Office of the Public Counsel on this 16th day of February, 2017 by hand-delivery, fax, electronic mail or United States mail, postage prepaid.

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