

IN THE COUNTY LEGISLATURE OF JACKSON COUNTY, MISSOURI

A RESOLUTION urging Laclede Gas Company to keep the MGE midtown Kansas City, Missouri call center open.

RESOLUTION NO. 18431, March 18, 2014

INTRODUCED BY Fred Arbanas, Theresa Garza Ruiz, Crystal Williams, Scott Burnett, Dennis Waits, and Dan Tarwater, County Legislators

WHEREAS, in 2013, Laclede Gas Company acquired Missouri Gas Energy (MGE); and,

WHEREAS, currently there are 225 individuals employed at the MGE call center located in midtown Kansas City, Missouri, 87 of whom are represented by the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local Union No. 53; and,

WHEREAS, these employees provide valuable service to consumers in western Missouri and support the middle-class lifestyle that is the engine of the Kansas City and surrounding area economies; and,

WHEREAS, on February 27, 2014, Laclede Gas Company presented Local 53 with a written proposal to eliminate the MGE call center on the expiration of the current collective bargaining agreement on April 30, 2014; and,

WHEREAS, Laclede has made it clear it intends to permanently layoff the Kansas City

call center employees and outsource this work to an unidentified third party; and,

WHEREAS, the imprudent elimination of these jobs by Laclede Gas Company will have a devastating effect on the employees and their families and will be serious blow to the Kansas City area economy; and,

WHEREAS, additionally, this move will result in diminished customer service to those served by Missouri Gas Energy and Laclede Gas Company; and,

WHEREAS, each elected official and citizen of Jackson County is called upon to share their concerns and desire to keep good jobs in Kansas City and to urge that Laclede Gas Company make this commitment to Kansas City and the families most directly impacted by this decision; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the County Legislature of Jackson County, Missouri, that the Legislature urges Laclede Gas Company to continue to support the Kansas City MGE call center and that Laclede retain the 225 employees located at that facility.

Effective Date: This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon its passage by a majority of the Legislature.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

2006 Snyder SCC
Senior Deputy County Counselor

W. [Signature]
County Counselor

Certificate of Passage

I hereby certify that the attached resolution, Resolution No. 18431 of March 18, 2014, was duly passed on March 18, 2014 by the Jackson County Legislature. The votes thereon were as follows:

Yeas 8 Nays 0

Abstaining 0 Absent 0

Excused 1

3-18-14
Date

Mary Jo Spino
Mary Jo Spino, Clerk of Legislature