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

In The Matter of the Application of Laclede Gas Company to Change its Infrastructure System Replacement Surcharge in its Missouri Gas Energy Service Territory

File No. GO-2015-0343

## **ORDER GRANTING WAIVER OF NOTICE PERIOD**

Issue Date: June 30, 2015

Effective Date: June 30, 2015

Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-4.020(2) requires a utility, such as Laclede, that intends to file what is likely to become a contested case to file notice of that intent at least sixty days before filing the case. The rule also allows the utility to request a waiver of the sixty-day notice requirement for good cause. Laclede Gas Company filed a notice of intended case filing on June 19, 2015, informing the Commission and other interested parties that it intends to file an application to change its Infrastructure System Replacement Surcharge (ISRS). At the same time, Laclede requested a waiver to allow it to file its application without waiting the sixty days required by the regulation.

In support of its request for waiver, Laclede argues that a sixty-day notice is not necessary for a case in which a gas company is seeking to change its ISRS. Such cases are routine and their timing is well known to all potential parties. As a result the sixty-day notice requirement of the regulation would serve no purpose. More than ten days have passed since Laclede filed its request for waiver and no party has filed a response to that request.<sup>1</sup>

The Commission finds that Laclede's request for waiver is unopposed and is reasonable. The Commission finds that Laclede has shown good cause for the requested waiver and will grant it.

## THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. Laclede Gas Company's Request for waiver of the sixty-day notice requirement of Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-4.020(2) is granted.

2. This order shall be effective when issued.



## BY THE COMMISSION

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Morris L. Woodruff Secretary

Morris L. Woodruff, Chief Regulatory Law Judge, by delegation of authority pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri, on this 30<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2015.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.080(13) allows ten days for the filing of responses to any pleading, unless some other period for response is established by the Commission.