

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of Laclede Gas Company's
Tariff to Increase Its Annual Revenues for
Natural Gas Service

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File No. GR-2010-0171
Tariff No. YG-2010-0376

ORDER ADOPTING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE AND ESTABLISHING TEST YEAR

Issue Date: February 1, 2010

Effective Date: February 1, 2010

On January 21, 2010, Laclede Gas Company, acting on behalf of all parties except the Missouri Industrial Energy Consumers (MIEC), filed a proposed procedural schedule. MIEC did not join in the proposed procedural schedule, but has not voiced any opposition to that schedule. The Commission will adopt the schedule as proposed, with minor modifications.

Laclede's direct testimony utilized a historical test year ending September 30, 2009, to be updated for known and measurable changes through March 31, 2010. Laclede also proposed that certain items be trued-up through July 31, 2010. No party objects to the proposed test year and update period. The parties do not agree that a true-up is necessary, but ask the Commission to leave a true-up hearing on the schedule in case it later determines that a true-up is appropriate. The Commission will accept the test year and update period agreed to by the parties. The Commission will determine in a subsequent order whether a true-up period will be established.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The test year for this case is the twelve months ending September 30, 2009, updated for known and measurable changes through March 31, 2010.

2. The following procedural schedule is established:

Non-Laclede parties to file Direct Testimony on revenue requirement	-	May 10, 2010
Non-Laclede parties to file Direct Testimony on rate design	-	May 24, 2010
Preliminary Reconciliation to be circulated to the parties	-	May 24, 2010
Local Public Hearings (locations and dates to be established by subsequent order)	-	May - June, 2010
Technical/Settlement Conference (This is an informal conference among the parties and will not be "on-the-record")	-	June 7-11, 2010
Preliminary issues list circulated among the parties	-	June 18, 2010
All parties to file Rebuttal Testimony	-	June 24, 2010
All parties to file Surrebuttal or Cross-Surrebuttal Testimony	-	July 16, 2010
List of Issues, Order of Witnesses, Order of Cross-Examination, Order of Opening	-	July 20, 2010
Reconciliation	-	July 20, 2010
Statements of Position	-	July 23, 2010
Hearing	-	August 2 to August 13, 2010, beginning at 8:30 a.m.
True-Up Hearing (if necessary)	-	September 1-2, 2010, beginning at 8:30 a.m.
All parties file Initial Post-Hearing Briefs	-	September 7, 2010
All parties file Reply/True-Up Briefs	-	September 13, 2010

3. The parties shall comply with the following procedural requirements:

(A) Testimony shall be prefiled as defined in Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.130.

All parties must comply with this rule, including the requirement that testimony be filed on line-numbered pages.

(B) The parties shall agree upon and Staff shall file a list of the issues to be heard, the witnesses to appear on each day of the hearing, the order in which they will be called, and the order of cross-examination for each witness. The list of issues should be detailed enough to inform the Commission of each issue that must be resolved. The Commission will view any issue not contained in this list of issues as uncontested and not requiring resolution by the Commission.

(C) Each party shall file a simple and concise statement summarizing its position on each disputed issue.

(D) All pleadings, briefs, and amendments shall be filed in accordance with Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.080. Briefs shall follow the same list of issues as filed in the case and must set forth and cite the proper portions of the record concerning the remaining unresolved issues that are to be decided by the Commission.

(E) All parties shall bring an adequate number of copies of exhibits that they intend to offer into evidence at the hearing. If an exhibit has not been prefiled, the party offering it must bring, in addition to the copy for the court reporter, copies for the five Commissioners, the Presiding Judge, and all counsel.

(F) All parties shall provide copies of testimony (including schedules), exhibits, and pleadings to other counsel by electronic means and in electronic form, essentially contemporaneously with the filing of such testimony, exhibits, or pleadings where the

information is available in electronic format (.PDF, .DOC, .WPD, or .XLS). Parties are not required to put information that does not exist in electronic format into electronic format for purposes of exchanging it.

(G) The parties shall make an effort to not include highly confidential or proprietary information in data request questions. If highly confidential or proprietary information must be included in data request questions, the highly confidential or proprietary information shall be appropriately designated as such pursuant to Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.135.

(H) Each party serving a data request on another party shall provide an electronic copy of that data request to counsel for all other parties contemporaneously with when the data request is served on the party from whom the response is requested. Any party seeking a copy of the response to a data request issued by another party shall serve that request on the party to whom the original request was directed.

(I) Until direct testimony is filed, the response time for all data requests shall be twenty calendar days, with ten calendar days to object or notify the requesting party that more than twenty calendar days will be needed to provide the requested information. After rebuttal testimony is filed on June 24, 2010, the response time for data requests shall be ten calendar days to provide the requested information and five calendar days to object or notify the requesting party that more than ten calendar days will be needed to provide the requested information. If a data request has been responded to, a party's request for a copy of the response shall be timely responded to, considering that the underlying data request has already been responded to.

(J) For purposes of this case, the Commission waives Commission Rules 4 CSR 240-2.045(2) and 2.080(11) so that filings made in EFIS are timely if filed before midnight on the date the filing is due.

(M) Documents filed in EFIS are properly served if provided to counsel of record for all other parties via e-mail.

4. The hearing shall be held at the Commission's office at the Governor Office Building, Room 310, 200 Madison Street, Jefferson City, Missouri. This building meets accessibility standards required by the Americans with Disabilities Act. If you need additional accommodations to participate in this hearing, please call the Public Service Commission's Hotline at 1-800-392-4211 (voice) or Relay Missouri at 711 before the hearing.

5. This order shall become effective immediately upon issuance.

BY THE COMMISSION



Steven C. Reed
Secretary

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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 1st day of February, 2010.