BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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In the Matter of Laclede Gas Company's Tariff to Increase Its Annual Revenues for Natural Gas Service File No. GR-2010-0171

Tariff No. YG-2011-0305

ORDER APPROVING TARIFF

Issue Date: December 29, 2010 Effective Date: December 31, 2010 The Missouri Public Service Commission is approving the above-numbered tariff sheet ("tariff") to become effective in less than 30 days. On December 21, 2010, Laclede Gas Company ("Laclede") filed the tariff to temporarily modify Laclede's Low-Income Weatherization Program. The tariff will reallocate \$142,500 of Laclede's Low-Income Weatherization budget to assist eligible customers to make emergency repairs to customer equipment and piping as necessary to restore or maintain natural gas space heating service in a safe manner. That tariff bears an effective date of January 21, 2011.

Along with its tariff, Laclede filed a motion for expedited treatment ("motion") asking the Commission to approve the tariff for service on and after December 31, 2010. The motion represents that Laclede, the Commission's Staff, and the Office of the Public Counsel have worked with the Missouri Department of Natural Resources and other stakeholders to better coordinate energy assistance programs and help customers maintain or restore their utility service this winter heating season. The tariff results from those discussions. The motion represents that Staff and Public Counsel support the motion and that none of the interested stakeholders has indicated opposition to the tariff.

Section 393.140(11), RSMo 2000, allows tariffs to go into effect 30 days after filing, but gives the Commission authority to allow such tariffs to take effect on less than 30 days' notice for good cause. Given the agreement of the interested stakeholders and the need to promptly reallocate funds to help Laclede's customers maintain or restore their utility service this winter heating season, the Commission finds and concludes that the tariff will support safe and adequate service at just and reasonable rates, and that Laclede has shown good cause for approving the tariff on less than 30 days' notice.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The tariff to which the Commission assigned Tracking No. YG-2011-0305 is approved to take effect on December 31, 2010. The specific tariff sheet approved is:

Laclede Gas Company P.S.C. MO No. 5 Consolidated Original Sheet No. R-44-a

- 2. This order shall become effective on December 31, 2010.
- 3. This file shall be closed on January 1, 2011.

BY THE COMMISSION

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Steven C. Reed Secretary

Daniel Jordan, Senior Regulatory Law Judge, by delegation of authority pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri, on this 29th day of December, 2010.