

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)

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

NOTICE OF CONTESTED CASE

Issue Date: June 24, 2010

Effective Date: June 24, 2010

The Missouri Public Service Commission is giving notice of the institution of a contested case.

On December 10, 2009, the Commission suspended the tariffs that Laclede Gas Company filed on October 30, 2009, which the statutes allow only pending a "full" hearing and decision on the tariff's propriety.¹ The provision for a full pre-decision hearing signifies that this action is a "contested case."² A contested case is a formal hearing procedure, but it allows for waiver of procedural formalities³ and a decision without a hearing,⁴ including by stipulation and agreement.⁵

This notice does not require any party to file an answer. The Commission's discovery regulations are at 4 CSR 240-2.090. Because the "hearing involv[es] a rate sought to be increased, the burden of proof to show that the . . . proposed increased rate is just and reasonable shall be upon the gas corporation seeking the increase[. ⁶]"

¹ Section 393.150.1, RSMo 2000.

² Section 536.010(4), RSMo Supp. 2008.

³ Sections 536.060(3) and 536.063(3), RSMo 2000.

⁴ Sections 536.060, RSMo 2000.

⁵ 4 CSR 240-2.115.

⁶ Section 393.150.2, RSMo 2000

BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Reed', is positioned above the printed name and title.

Steven C. Reed
Secretary

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

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 24th day of June 2010.