

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

In the Matter of the Filing of Laclede Gas Company's) **Case No. GR-2010-0138**
PGA Factors to be reviewed in its 2008-09 ACA Filing) **Tariff No. JG-2010-0308**

ORDER APPROVING INTERIM RATES

Issue Date: November 12, 2009

Effective Date: November 17, 2009

Syllabus: This order approves Laclede Gas Company's (hereafter "Laclede") tariff that decreases the Purchased Gas Adjustment factor and directs Staff to file a status report regarding the Actual Cost Adjustment audit and recommendation.

On October 30, Laclede filed a tariff sheet that bears an effective date of November 17.¹ The tariff sheet reflects scheduled changes in Laclede's Purchased Gas Adjustment (PGA) factors due to falling wholesale natural gas prices. Laclede filed a substitute tariff sheet on November 3 after discovering certain information was inadvertently included in the determination of the new PGA factors.

On November 5, the Staff of the Commission filed its Recommendation. Staff recommends that the Commission approve Laclede's proposed tariff sheets for service on and after November 17, as an interim rate, subject to refund.

Staff explains that the net effect of the changes will decrease the PGA rate from \$0.83163 per therm to \$0.65238 per therm, a decrease of \$0.17925 per therm. Staff states that Laclede's proposed PGA factor changes were calculated in conformity with its PGA clause. Staff further states that Laclede's PGA clause allows for 10 business days' notice

¹ Unless otherwise noted, all calendar references are to 2009.

for filings reflecting PGA changes, and that good cause exists to approve the proposed tariff sheets on less than 30 days' notice. Staff recommends that the Commission approve the tariff sheets to become effective November 17, on an interim basis, subject to refund, pending a final Commission decision in this case and in Laclede's other Actual Cost Adjustment cases, which are: GR-2005-0203, GR-2006-0288, GR-2008-0140, and GR-2008-0387.

Staff indicates it intends to audit Laclede's ACA balance and make its audit report and recommendations on or before December 31, 2010. Thus, the Commission will direct Staff to file a report as Staff intends to do.

The Commission has reviewed the proposed tariff sheets and Staff's Recommendation. The Commission finds that the tariff sheets conform to the company's Commission-approved PGA clause and are, therefore, reasonable. After considering Staff's recommendation, and for good cause shown pursuant to Section 393.140(11), RSMo 2000, the Commission concludes that the proposed tariff sheets should be approved to become effective on and after the requested effective date of November 17, on an interim basis, subject to refund.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The proposed tariff sheets filed on October 30, 2009, by Laclede Gas Company, as substituted on November 3, 2009, are approved on an interim basis, subject to refund, for service rendered on and after November 17, 2009. The tariff sheets approved are:

P.S.C. MO. No. 5 Consolidated
Two Hundred and Fourteenth Revised Sheet No. 29,
Canceling Two Hundred and Thirteenth Revised Sheet No. 29

2. No later than December 31, 2010, Staff is directed to file its recommendation regarding Laclede Gas Company's ACA accounts.

3. This order shall become effective on November 17, 2009.

BY THE COMMISSION



Steven C. Reed
Secretary

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Ronald D. Pridgin, Senior Regulatory
Law Judge, by delegation of authority
pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 12th day of November, 2009.