BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application of Laclede Gas Company for an Accounting Authority Order Authorizing the Company to Defer for Future Recovery the Costs of Complying with the Permanent Amendment to the Commission's Cold Weather Rule

Case No. GU-2007-0138

ORDER DIRECTING STAFF TO INDICATE WHEN IT WILL FILE ITS RECOMMENDATION

Issue Date: November 1, 2006

Effective Date: November 1, 2006

On September 29, 2006, Laclede Gas Company filed an application for an accounting authority order (AAO) that would authorize deferred accounting treatment for its costs of complying with the Commission's permanent amendment of its Cold Weather Rule. The Commission issued an order on October 3 notifying the public of the filing of the request for an AAO and establishing October 23 as the deadline for the submission of requests to intervene. No party is requesting intervention, and thus far, no party has requested a hearing.

In order to move this matter toward resolution, the Commission will order its Staff to indicate when it will be able to file its recommendation regarding the request for an AAO.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. No later than November 13, 2006, the Staff of the Commission shall file a pleading indicating when it will file its recommendation regarding Laclede Gas Company's application for an accounting authority order.

2. This order shall become effective on November 1, 2006.



Colleen M. Dale Secretary

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Morris L. Woodruff, Deputy 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 November, 2006.