

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) **Case No. GU-2007-0138**
Recovery the Costs of Complying with the)
Permanent Amendment to the Commission's)
Cold Weather Rule)

ORDER SCHEDULING A PREHEARING CONFERENCE

Issue Date: February 29, 2008

Effective Date: February 29, 2008

On October 31, 2007, Laclede Gas Company filed a request for determination of its cost of compliance with the permanent amendment to the cold weather rule. The request for determination of costs is required by Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-13.055(14)(G)2. That rule allows all parties to the case no more than 120 days to submit their position regarding the company's request. The 120th day from the filing of Laclede's request was February 28, 2008.

On February 28, Laclede and the Commission's Staff filed a non-unanimous stipulation and agreement in which they agree to the amount of costs Laclede should be allowed to recover. However, on the same date, the Office of the Public Counsel filed a position statement contending Laclede's proposed cost recovery should be reduced by approximately 1.5 million dollars.

The Commission's rule provides that the Commission must act on Laclede's request for determination of costs no later than 180 days after its request was filed. If the Commission does not act by that time, the amount requested by Laclede is deemed

reasonably incurred. The 180th day after Laclede filed its request is April 28, 2008. Therefore, the Commission must act quickly to resolve this dispute.

In order to move this matter to a prompt resolution, the Commission will schedule a prehearing conference to discuss a procedural schedule.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. A prehearing conference is scheduled for March 6, 2008, at 10:00 a.m., at the Commission's office at the Governor Office Building, 200 Madison Street, Jefferson City, Missouri, Room 305. This building meets accessibility standards required by the Americans with Disabilities Act. If you need additional accommodations to participate in this conference, please call the Public Service Commission's Hotline at 1-800-392-4211 (voice) or Relay Missouri at 711 before the conference.

2. This order shall become effective on February 29, 2008.

BY THE COMMISSION



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 29th day of February, 2008.