

**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 DIRECTING RESPONSE TO PUBLIC COUNSEL'S
MOTION FOR WAIVER**

Issue Date: April 10, 2008

Effective Date: April 10, 2008

Commission rule 4 CSR 240-13.055(14)(G)2 requires the Commission to establish the amount of costs Laclede Gas Company has incurred in complying with the amendment to the cold weather rule by April 28, 2008, or the amount requested by Laclede will be deemed reasonably incurred. If the Commission is to give its order regarding that matter the standard ten-day effective date, the Commission must issue its order no later than April 18. On April 10, the Office of the Public Counsel filed a motion asking the Commission to waive the deadline provision of that regulation to allow the Commission more time to deliberate regarding its order.

Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.080(15) allows parties not more than ten days in which to respond to any pleading unless otherwise ordered by the Commission. Under that standard, any response to Public Counsel's motion would be due on April 20, too late for Public Counsel's motion to have any practical effect. Therefore, the Commission will direct the other parties to respond to Public Counsel's motion quickly.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. Laclede Gas Company and the Commission's Staff shall respond to Public Counsel's Motion for a Waiver of Commission Rules no later than April 11, 2008.
2. This order shall become effective on April 10, 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 10th day of April, 2008.