

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

In the Matter of the PGA filing of Laclede )  
Gas Company. )

Case No. GR-2005-0203

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION IN THIS CASE**

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission in the above-captioned matter and, in response to the tariff filed by Laclede to increase its PGA for the summer season, states:

1. On May 1, 2005, Laclede Gas Company (Laclede) filed a tariff sheet to change its PGA factor effective June 14, 2005.

2. The tariff sheet was filed to reflect scheduled changes in Laclede's Purchased Gas Adjustment (PGA) factors as the result of an estimated change in the cost of natural gas for the summer season.

3. The Commission's Energy Department Staff (Staff) has reviewed this filing and has determined that the rates on the proposed tariff sheet were calculated in conformance with Laclede's PGA Clause.

4. Staff considers that good cause for approval of this tariff sheet on less than thirty (30) days notice is demonstrated by Laclede's Commission approved PGA Clause allowing for ten (10) business days notice for PGA change filings.

5. These rates should be approved interim subject to refund only, pending evaluation of the prudence of Laclede's gas purchases for its customers.

WHEREFORE, the Staff recommends that the Commission approve Laclede's requested tariff change to be effective on June 14, 2005, interim, subject to refund only.

Respectfully submitted,

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