

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of Laclede Gas Company's Tariff)
to Revise Natural Gas Rate Schedules.) **Case No. GR-2005-0284**

ORDER SETTING STIPULATION HEARING AND CANCELING
PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

Issue Date: September 15, 2005

Effective Date: September 15, 2005

The Commission has previously set a procedural schedule in this matter which required, among other things, the filing of written testimony and an evidentiary hearing beginning on October 3, 2005. On August 31, 2005, Laclede Gas Company, the Office of the Public Counsel, the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission, the Department of Natural Resources, and the Missouri Industrial Energy Consumers filed a Stipulation and Agreement in this matter.

Commission rule 4 CSR 240-2.115 at section (2) states that if no party objects within seven days of the filing of a nonunanimous stipulation, then the Commission may treat the stipulation as though it were filed unanimously. No party objected to the stipulation. Therefore, the Commission finds that a hearing on the stipulation should be set as directed below. In addition, the Commission will cancel the evidentiary hearing and the remaining portions of the procedural schedule, with the exception of the local public hearing set for September 19, 2005. The Commission will also direct that the transcript from the stipulation hearing be expedited as set out below.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That a hearing regarding the Stipulation and Agreement is set for September 26, 2005, beginning at 8:30 a.m. in Room 310 of the Governor Office Building, 200 Madison Street, Jefferson City, Missouri. The Governor Office Building meets accessibility standards required by the Americans with Disabilities Act. Anyone needing additional accommodations to participate in this hearing should call the Public Service Commission's Hotline at 1-800-392-4211 (voice) or Relay Missouri at 711 prior to the hearing.
2. That the transcript for the stipulation hearing on September 26, 2005, shall be expedited to be submitted to the Commission no later than the second business day after the close of the hearing.
3. That the procedural schedule, with the exception of the local public hearings and the stipulation hearing, is canceled.
4. That this order shall become effective on September 15, 2005.

BY THE COMMISSION



Colleen M. Dale
Secretary

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Nancy Dippell, Senior Regulatory Law
Judge, by delegation of authority pursuant
to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 15th day of September, 2005.