

**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 October 28, 2005, Laclede Gas Company (Laclede or Company) filed a tariff sheet proposed to become effective November 11, 2005.
2. On November 2, 2005, Laclede filed a substitute tariff sheet to change the proposed effective date to November 14, 2005, to meet the required ten business day notice for a Purchased Gas Adjustment (PGA) filing.
3. The tariff sheet contains changes in Laclede's PGA factors as the result of an estimated change in the cost of natural gas for the upcoming winter season and changes in the Actual Cost Adjustment (ACA) factor. Unlike other LDCs, which have a winter season of November through March, Laclede's winter season includes the months of November through April.
4. 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.

5. 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.

6. These rates should be approved interim subject to refund only, pending evaluation of the prudence of Laclede's gas purchases for its customers by the Commission's Procurement Analysis Department.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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