

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of Laclede Gas Company's)	
Purchased Gas Adjustment (PGA) Factors)	<u>Case No. GR-2005-0203</u>
to be Audited in Its 2004-2005 Actual Cost)	<u>Tariff No. YG-2005-1072</u>
Adjustment.)	

ORDER APPROVING INTERIM RATES

Issue Date: June 10, 2005

Effective Date: June 14, 2005

On May 1, 2005, Laclede Gas Company filed a proposed tariff sheet setting interim rates pursuant to the Purchased Gas Adjustment Clause contained in its tariffs for service rendered on and after June 14, 2005. This scheduled June PGA filing reflects changes in the estimated cost of natural gas for the remaining summer season.

The proposed interim rates will increase Laclede's firm PGA factor to \$0.78484 per therm from \$0.77260 per therm, resulting in an increase for the typical residential customer for the remaining summer season of about \$2.00 (1%). Laclede states that the increase is due to a projected increase in wholesale natural gas prices.

The Commission's Staff filed its Memorandum and Recommendation on June 8, 2005. In its Memorandum and Recommendation, Staff states that the proposed sheet has been correctly calculated and that it complies with the PGA clause in Laclede's Commission-approved tariffs. Staff states that the proposed increase reflects an estimated change in the cost of natural gas for the next three months. Staff notes that, because Laclede's PGA clause allows for PGA change filings to take affect on ten days' notice, good cause has been shown pursuant to Section 393.140(11), RSMo 2000, to permit the

tariff to become effective on less than 30 days' notice. Staff recommends that the rates be approved on an interim basis, subject to refund.

The Commission has reviewed the proposed tariff sheet and Staff's Memorandum and Recommendation. The Commission finds that the proposed tariff sheet conforms to the Company's Commission-approved PGA Clause. After considering Staff's recommendation, and for good cause shown pursuant to Section 393.140(11), RSMo 2000, the Commission concludes that the proposed tariff sheet should be approved to become effective on and after the requested effective date of June 14, 2005, on an interim basis, subject to refund.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the proposed tariff sheet filed on May 1, 2005, by Laclede Gas Company is approved on an interim basis, subject to refund, for service rendered on and after June 14, 2005. The specific tariff sheet approved is:

P.S.C. MO. No. 5 Consolidated

205th Revised Sheet No. 29, Canceling 204th Revised Sheet No. 29

2. That this order shall become effective on June 14, 2005.

BY THE COMMISSION



Colleen M. Dale
Secretary

(S E A L)

Kevin A. Thompson, 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 June, 2005.