

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the PGA filing for)
Laclede Gas Company) **Case No. GR-2005-0203**

ORDER ESTABLISHING PROTECTIVE ORDER

Issue Date: September 26, 2006

Effective Date: September 26, 2006

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 tariff. In the process of now auditing Laclede's Actual Costs Adjustments, the Staff of the Commission has made data requests.

On September 22, 2006, Laclede filed a motion for a protective order under Commission. Laclede states that the data requests received from Staff elicit highly confidential information that Staff may seek to introduce as evidence in this proceeding. Laclede added that the information it seeks to protect cannot be found in any format in any public document.

Upon review of Laclede's motion, the Commission finds that there is a need to protect confidential information and that requests for protective orders are reasonable. The Commission has previously recognized the need to protect confidential information and the issuance of protective orders has helped to minimize disputes in past cases. Therefore, protective orders should be established.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. Laclede Gas Company's Motion for Protective Order is granted and the protective order attached to this order (Attachment A) is adopted.
2. This order shall become effective on September 26, 2006.

BY THE COMMISSION



Colleen M. Dale
Secretary

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Kennard L. Jones, Senior Regulatory
Law Judge, by delegation of authority
pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 26th day of September, 2006.