DEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Verified Application and Petition)	
of Laclede Gas Company to Change Its)	File No. GO-2015-0341
Infrastructure System Replacement Surcharge)	Tariff No. YG-2016-0041
in Its Laclede Gas Service Territory)	

ORDER DIRECTING NOTICE, DIRECTING FILINGS AND SETTING INTERVENTION DEADLINE

Issue Date: August 5, 2015 Effective Date: August 5, 2015

On June 19, 2015, Laclede Gas Company ("Laclede") filed notice that it intended to file its next application to change its Infrastructure System Replacement Surcharge ("ISRS"). With its notice, Laclede requested a waiver, if applicable, from the sixty day notice period required before filing a contested case. On June 30, the Commission issued an order granting the requested waiver of Commission rule 4 CSR 240-4.020(2).

On August 3, Laclede filed a verified application and petition to change its ISRS in its Laclede Gas Energy Service Territory, pursuant to §§ 393.1009, 393.1012, and 393.1015, and Commission rules 4 CSR 240-2.060, 2.080, and 3.265. Laclede also filed a motion to set an early prehearing conference to establish a procedural schedule, should an evidentiary hearing be needed.

Section 393.1015.1(2) requires that the Commission publish notice of Laclede's filing. Therefore, the Commission will give notice of this application to the general public and interested persons and set a date for intervention. The Commission's Data Center shall mail a copy of this notice to the county commission, or equivalent governmental body, of all

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¹ All statutory references are to the 2000 Revised Statutes of Missouri, as cumulatively supplemented.

of the counties within Laclede's gas service territory. The Data Center shall also provide a copy of this notice to the parties in Laclede's most recent gas rate case, File No. GR-2013-0171. In addition, the Commission's Public Information Office shall make notice of this order available to the media serving Laclede's service area and to the members of the General Assembly representing Laclede's service area.

Pursuant to Commission rule 4 CSR 240-3.265(8) and (9), Laclede must file sample customer notices for the Commission's approval. The Office of the Public Counsel may file a response to those notices within ten days of their filing.

Section 393.1015.2(2) allows the Commission's Staff to examine Laclede's application to change its ISRS and to submit a report of its examination no later than 60 days after the petition is filed. The Commission will issue an order establishing a deadline for Staff to file a recommendation regarding Laclede's application. The current parties have indicated a willingness to work together on a joint proposed procedural schedule. Therefore, the Commission will postpone ruling on Laclede's motion for a prehearing conference.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

- 1. The Commission's Data Center shall serve this order upon the parties to File No. GR-2013-0171, and the Board of Alderman of the City of St. Louis and the County Commissions for the counties of: St. Louis, St. Charles, Crawford, Jefferson, Franklin, Iron, St. Genevieve, St. Francois, Madison, and Butler.
- 2. The Commission's Information Officer shall serve notice as set out in the body of this order.

- 3. Any entity wishing to intervene in this matter shall file an application to do so no later than August 20, 2015. Such applications shall be filed with the Secretary of the Missouri Public Service Commission or by using the Commission's Electronic Filing and Information System ("EFIS").
- 4. No later than August 24, 2015, Laclede shall file sample customer notices as required by Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-3.265.
- 5. No later than ten days after Laclede files the sample customer notices, as directed in ordered paragraph number 4, the Office of the Public Counsel may file a response to those notices.
- 6. No later than October 2, 2015, the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission shall file its recommendation in this matter.
 - 7. This order shall be effective when issued.

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BY THE COMMISSION

Morris L. Woodruff Secretary

Kim S. Burton, Regulatory Law Judge, by delegation of authority pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri, on this 5th day of August, 2015.