

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of Laclede Gas Company's Verified)
Application for Authority to Issue and Sell First)
Mortgage Bonds, Unsecured Debt and Preferred)
Stock, in Connection with a Universal Shelf) **Case No. GF-2007-0220**
Registration Statement, and to Issue Common Stock)
and Receive Capital Contributions, All in a Total)
Amount Not to Exceed \$500 Million)

ORDER DIRECTING FILING

Issue Date: February 14, 2007

Effective Date: February 14, 2007

This order directs any party who wishes to file a pleading responding to Staff's recommendation in this matter to do so by no later than February 20, 2007.

On December 15, 2006, Laclede Gas Company ("Laclede") filed a verified application for authority to issue and sell no more than \$350 million in registered securities (including first mortgage bonds, unsecured debt instruments, and preferred stock), and to obtain no more than \$150 million in additional equity capital by issuing common stock and receiving paid-in capital contributions, all in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$500 million. Laclede also asked that the Commission consider and approve the application in sufficient time for Laclede to begin issuing and selling the registered securities and obtaining the equity capital by February 15, 2007, or as soon thereafter as reasonably practicable.

On February 13, 2007, the Staff of the Commission filed a Memorandum and Recommendation in which it recommended that the Commission approve Laclede's

application subject to a number of specific conditions. Staff also requested that the Commission act on Laclede's application as soon as possible.

In its recommendation, Staff did not indicate whether it has discussed its proposed conditions with Laclede, and does not state whether it believes Laclede will support or oppose those conditions. Therefore, Laclede will be given an opportunity to respond to Staff's recommendation if it wishes to do so. In addition, the Office of the Public Counsel is also a party and must also be given an opportunity to respond. So that the Commission can act on Laclede's application as soon after February 15, 2007 as possible, the Commission will shorten the time it would normally allow for any responses to Staff's recommendation.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. Any party who wishes to file a pleading responding to Staff's Memorandum and Recommendation in this matter shall do so by no later than February 20, 2007.
2. This order shall become effective on February 14, 2007.

BY THE COMMISSION



Colleen M. Dale
Secretary

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Benjamin H. Lane, Regulatory
Law Judge, by delegation of authority
under Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 14th day of February, 2007.