

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 Registration Statement, to Issue Common) **File No. GF-2009-0450**
Stock and Receive Capital Contributions, to issue or accept)
Private Placement Securities, and to Enter Into Capital)
Leases, all in a Total Amount Not to Exceed \$600 Million)

ORDER DIRECTING RESPONSE

Issue Date: January 20, 2010

Effective Date: January 20, 2010

The Missouri Public Service Commission is directing the Commission's staff ("Staff") to file a response to the request of Laclede Gas Company ("Laclede") for an extension of Laclede's current financing authority.

On January 15, 2010, Laclede filed a response to Staff's recommendation, in which Laclede asks the Commission to issue a decision granting the application without Staff's proposed conditions. In the alternative, Laclede asks that the Commission conduct an on-the-record proceeding or evidentiary hearing, if the Commission finds that such decision requires such proceedings. Pending such proceedings, Laclede also requests an extension of its current financing authority.

Such authority is due to expire on February 10, 2010. That date is near, so the Commission intends to rule soon on Laclede's request for an extension of financing authority. Therefore, the Commission will direct an expeditious response to that request.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. No later than January 22, 2010, the Commission's staff shall file a response to the request of Laclede Gas Company ("Laclede") for an extension of Laclede's current financing authority from February 15, 2010, through May 15, 2010.

2. This order shall be effective immediately upon issuance.

BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Reed', is positioned above the printed name.

Steven C. Reed
Secretary

(S E A L)

Daniel Jordan, Regulatory Law Judge,
by delegation of authority pursuant
to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 20th day of January 2010.