

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Joint Application of Fidelity)
Natural Gas, Inc., and Laclede Gas Company)
for an Order Authorizing the Sale and Transfer of)
Certain Assets of Fidelity Natural Gas, Inc.,)
Located in Missouri to Laclede Gas Company)
and Either Authorizing the Transfer of Existing)
Certificates of Public Convenience and)
Necessity or Granting a New Certificate of Public)
Convenience and Necessity to Laclede Gas)
Company in Conjunction with Same)

Case No. GM-2006-0183

ORDER SETTING LOCAL PUBLIC HEARING
AND DIRECTING THE APPLICANTS TO SEND NOTICE

Issue Date: January 19, 2006

Effective Date: January 19, 2006

On October 21, 2005, Fidelity Natural Gas, Inc., and Laclede Gas Company filed a joint application seeking the Commission's authority for Fidelity to sell and transfer to Laclede certain assets of Fidelity. On December 21, 2005, the Office of the Public Counsel filed a Request for Local Public Hearing. The Commission will set a public hearing in Sullivan, Missouri, to take testimony from interested customers of Fidelity.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That a local public hearing shall be held on February 1, 2006, at the Southwest Area Center, 11 North Clark, Sullivan, Missouri. The local public hearing shall commence at 6:00 p.m. and shall continue until every member of the public in attendance has had an opportunity to testify. The local public hearing shall be held in a facility that meets the accessibility requirements of the American with Disabilities Act. Any person who

needs additional accommodation to participate in the hearing should call the Public Service Commission's Hotline at 1-800-392-4211 (voice) or Relay Missouri at 711 prior to the hearing.

2. That the applicants, Fidelity and Laclede, shall send written notice to Fidelity's customers of the proposed sale of assets and include information concerning whether Fidelity customers will be able to pay their bills locally, what changes may occur in payment procedures, and whether there will continue to be local customer service representatives available in Sullivan after the sale. A copy shall be sent to the Secretary of the Commission and the Public Counsel.

3. That the applicants, Fidelity and Laclede, shall send written notice to Fidelity's customers of the date, time and place of the local public hearing.

4. That during the half-hour preceding the local public hearing, the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission shall be available to answer any questions from the members of the public.

5. That the Commission's Public Information Office shall make this order or the information contained in this order available to the media and to the legislators serving the area of Sullivan, Missouri.

6. That the Commission shall make arrangements for a court reporter for the local public hearing.

7. That this order shall become effective on January 19, 2006.

BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Colleen M. Dale', written over a horizontal line.

Colleen M. Dale
Secretary

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Steven C. Reed, Regulatory Law Judge,
by delegation of authority pursuant to
Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 19th day of January, 2006.