

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of Laclede Gas Company's Tariff)
to Revise Natural Gas Rate Schedules.) **Case No. GR-2005-0284**

ORDER GRANTING INTERVENTION

Issue Date: June 10, 2005

Effective Date: June 20, 2005

On February 28, 2005, the Commission issued a Suspension Order and Notice in which it stated that interested parties to this matter should file their applications to intervene on or before March 15, 2005. On April 1, 2005, the Missouri Department of Natural Resources filed an application to intervene out of time.

In its application, MDNR stated that its Energy Center was a state agency interested in this case for formal policy and planning reasons, as well as consideration for the environmental effects of the tariff revisions. In particular, MDNR is interested in the commitment of Laclede Gas Company to provide weatherization to low income families and the provision of energy efficiency programs in relation to the mandate set forth in Section 640.150, RSMo. MDNR took no position on the case as filed and stated that even though it was filed out of time, its intervention had not caused any delay in the progress of the case. No objections to the intervention were received.

The Commission finds that MDNR's intervention is in substantial compliance with Commission rule 4 CSR 240-2.075. MDNR has an interest in this proceeding that is different from that of the general public. The Commission will grant MDNR's request to intervene. MDNR will be directed to comply with the procedural orders of this case.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the Missouri Department of Natural Resources' Application to Intervene Out of Time is granted.
2. That the Data Center shall add the Missouri Department of Natural Resources as a party to this case.
3. That the Missouri Department of Natural Resources shall comply with the procedural orders of this case.
4. That this order shall become effective on June 20, 2005.

BY THE COMMISSION



Colleen M. Dale
Secretary

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Nancy Dippell, Senior Regulatory Law
Judge, by delegation of authority pursuant
to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 10th day of June, 2005.