

**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 SETTING LOCAL PUBLIC HEARINGS**

Issue Date: September 2, 2005

Effective Date: September 2, 2005

On August 31, 2005, Laclede Gas Company, the Office of the Public Counsel, the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission, the Department of Natural Resources, and the Missouri Industrial Energy Consumers filed a Stipulation and Agreement in this matter. Also on that date, Laclede, the Staff, and Public Counsel filed a joint motion requesting that the Commission establish local public hearings on an expedited basis.

The Commission will set local public hearings in this matter and will direct Laclede to publicize the hearings by sending individual customer notice as proposed in the motion. Laclede shall use text substantially similar to that set out below. The Commission will also direct its Data Center and Public Information Officer to provide notice of the hearings.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

1. That a Local Public Hearing shall be had in this matter on September 19, 2005, from 12:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m., or until all persons present have had an opportunity to voice their concerns, whichever is sooner, at the J.C. Penney Building, Summit Lounge, University of Missouri-St. Louis, One University Boulevard (formerly 8001 Natural Bridge Road), St. Louis, Missouri 63121. This hearing will be held in a building that meets

accessibility standards required by the Americans with Disabilities Act. If you need additional accommodations to participate in this public hearing, please call the Public Service Commission's Hotline at 1-800-392-4211 (voice) or dial Relay Missouri at 711 prior to the hearing

2. That a second Local Public Hearing shall be had in this matter on September 19, 2005, from 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m., or until all persons present have had an opportunity to voice their concerns, whichever is sooner, at the Emerson Performance Center Theater, Harris-Stowe State University, 3026 Laclede Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri 63103. This hearing will be held in a building that meets accessibility standards required by the Americans with Disabilities Act. If you need additional accommodations to participate in this public hearing, please call the Public Service Commission's Hotline at 1-800-392-4211 (voice) or dial Relay Missouri at 711 prior to the hearing

3. That Laclede Gas Company shall publicize the hearings by sending an individual customer notice containing the following information:

#### NOTICE OF LOCAL PUBLIC HEARINGS

Laclede Gas Company filed revised tariff sheets with the Missouri Public Service Commission (PSC) to increase its Missouri jurisdictional annual gross revenues. The proposal would have increased the typical residential customer's bill by an average of \$4 per month. The parties have now reached a settlement which, if approved by the PSC, would result in an average increase of \$1.05 per month or approximately 1% for the typical residential customer. Additionally, the settlement would result in Laclede contributing \$1 million annually to fund a new low-income energy assistance program, and expanding its various energy efficiency and conservation programs.

Local public hearings to receive comments on the settlement will be held on September 19, 2005, at the J.C. Penney Building, Summit Lounge, University of Missouri-St. Louis, One University Boulevard (formerly 8001 Natural Bridge Road), St. Louis, Missouri 63121,

beginning at 12:00 p.m. and continuing until 3:00 p.m. or until all persons present have had an opportunity to speak, whichever is sooner, and at the Emerson Performance Center Theater, Harris-Stowe State University, 3026 Laclede Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri 63103, beginning at 6:00 p.m. and continuing until 9:00 p.m. or until all persons present have had an opportunity to speak, whichever is sooner. There will be a presentation and an informal question and answer session on the settlement beginning one-half hour before each local public hearing.

Additionally, if you wish to comment or secure information, you may contact the Office of the Public Counsel, Post Office Box 2230, Jefferson City, Missouri, 65102, telephone number (573) 751-4857.

4. That the Data Center of the Missouri Public Service Commission shall serve a copy of this order upon the City of St. Louis Board of Aldermen and upon the county commission of each county in Laclede Gas Company's service area.

5. That the Commission's Public Information Office shall make notice of this order available to the members of the General Assembly representing the residents of the service area of Laclede Gas Company and to the news media serving the residents of that service area.

6. That this order shall become effective on September 2, 2005.

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**BY THE COMMISSION**



Colleen M. Dale  
Secretary

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

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,  
on this 2nd day of September, 2005.