

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 PREHEARING CONFERENCE

Issue Date: February 3, 2006

Effective Date: February 3, 2006

On October 21, 2005, Fidelity Natural Gas, Inc., and Laclede Gas Company filed a joint application seeking authority to sell assets of Fidelity to Laclede. Staff filed its recommendation on December 16, 2005, recommending approval of the sale with several conditions. The Office of the Public Counsel filed comments on December 21, 2005, agreeing with the Staff and suggesting additional conditions for approval of the sale. Public Counsel also requested a local public hearing, which was held on February 1, 2006, in Sullivan, Missouri. The Commission will schedule a prehearing conference for the parties to discuss settlement and to discuss the schedule by which the Commission will proceed to hear this application.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. A prehearing conference shall be held on February 10, 2006, beginning at 10 a.m. in Room 305 of the Governor Office Building, 200 Madison Street, Jefferson City,

Missouri. The conference 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 conference, please call the Public Service Commission's Hotline at 1-800-392-4211 (voice) or Relay Missouri at 711 before the prehearing conference.

2. This order shall become effective on February 3, 2006.

BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Colleen M. Dale', is 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 3rd day of February, 2006.