

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of Laclede Gas Company's Tariff) **Case No. GR-2007-0208, et al.**
to Revise Natural Gas Rate Schedules.) Tariff No. YG-2007-0384

ORDER SCHEDULING LOCAL PUBLIC HEARINGS

Issue Date: April 9, 2007

Effective Date: April 9, 2007

On December 1, 2006, Laclede Gas Company submitted to the Missouri Public Service Commission proposed tariff sheets to implement a general rate increase for natural gas service provided by the Company. The Commission issued a Order Directing Notice, Suspending Tariff, Setting Hearings, and Directing Filings on December 13, 2006, in which, among other things, it directed the parties to file recommendations concerning local public hearings. On January 18, 2007, the parties filed a joint procedural schedule which included a recommendation for local public hearings.

The Commission has considered the parties' recommendation and finds it reasonable. However, the Commission will change the time for one of the St. Louis public hearings. The Commission has also determined that two additional public hearings shall be scheduled, in Farmington and Poplar Bluff. The Commission will set six local public hearings to give the public opportunity to comment. At the hearings, the Staff of the Commission will hold an informal question-and-answer session beginning one-half hour before the start of each hearing. The hearings will begin at 6:00 p.m. and will conclude when the last witness has testified. The Commission will direct Laclede to provide notice of

the local public hearings to its customers. In addition, the Commission will direct the Company to place advertisements in the newspapers serving its service area.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. The Commission shall hold a local public hearing on Tuesday, May 22, 2007, from 6:00 p.m. until all persons who wish to testify have done so, in the Telecom Room, Farmington High School, 1 Black Knight Drive, Farmington, Missouri. This hearing will be held simultaneously with the Poplar Bluff local public hearing and will be video-webcast.

2. The Commission shall hold a local public hearing on Tuesday, May 22, 2007, from 6:00 p.m. until all persons who wish to testify have done so, in the TCRC, Room 203, 200 E.K. Porter Building, Three Rivers Community College, 2080 Three Rivers Boulevard, Poplar Bluff, Missouri. This hearing will be held simultaneously with the Farmington local public hearing and will be video-webcast.

3. The Commission shall hold a local public hearing on Wednesday, May 23, 2007, from 6:00 p.m. until all persons who wish to testify have done so, in Room MP304 of the Multipurpose Building, East Central College, 1964 Prairie Dell Drive, Union, Missouri. This hearing will be video-webcast.

4. The Commission shall hold a local public hearing on Thursday, May 24, 2007, from 6:00 p.m. until all persons who wish to testify have done so, in the Auditorium of the Wohl Community Center, 1515 North Kingshighway, St. Louis, Missouri.

5. The Commission shall hold a local public hearing on Tuesday, May 29, 2007, from 6:00 p.m. until all persons who wish to testify have done so, in the Century

Room of the Millennium Student Center, University of Missouri-St. Louis, One University Boulevard, St. Louis, Missouri.

6. The Commission shall hold a local public hearing on Wednesday, May 30, 2007, from 6:00 p.m. until all persons who wish to testify have done so, in the St. Louis County Council Chambers, County Administration Building, 1st Floor, 41 South Central, Clayton, Missouri.

7. No later than ten days prior to the local public hearings, Laclede Gas Company shall provide an individual notice to each of its customers including all of the relevant portions of the notice as set out below.

NOTICE OF LOCAL PUBLIC HEARINGS

Laclede Gas Company filed revised tariff sheets with the Missouri Public Service Commission (PSC) to increase its rates for service to its Missouri customers and implement new service offerings, including a new conservation rebate program and a new fixed gas cost billing option. The proposed rates are designed to produce an additional \$43.1 million in annual distribution revenues and \$9.8 million in Purchased Gas Adjustment revenues above amounts being collected at the time of the filing. The combined effect of these changes would be to increase the typical residential customer's bill by an average of \$6.50 per month or about 5.7%.

Public comment hearings have been set before the PSC as follows:

- Tuesday, May 22, 2007, from 6:00 p.m. until all persons who wish to testify have done so, in the Telecom Room, Farmington High School, 1 Black Knight Drive, Farmington, Missouri.
- Tuesday, May 22, 2007, from 6:00 p.m. until all persons who wish to testify have done so, in the TCRC, Room 203, 200 E.K. Porter Building, Three Rivers Community College, 2080 Three Rivers Boulevard, Poplar Bluff, Missouri.
- Wednesday, May 23, 2007, from 6:00 p.m. until all persons who wish to testify have done so, in Room MP304 of the Multipurpose Building, East Central College, 1964 Prairie Dell Drive, Union, Missouri.

- Thursday, May 24, 2007, from 6:00 p.m. until all persons who wish to testify have done so, in the Wohl Community Center Auditorium, 1515 North Kingshighway, St. Louis, Missouri.
- Tuesday, May 29, 2007, from 6:00 p.m. until all persons who wish to testify have done so, in the Century Room of the Millennium Student Center, University of Missouri-St. Louis, One University Boulevard, St. Louis, Missouri.
- Wednesday, May 30, 2007, from 6:00 p.m. until all persons who wish to testify have done so, in the St. Louis County Council Chambers, County Administration Building, 1st Floor, 41 South Central, Clayton, Missouri.

A question-and-answer session will be held one-half hour before the beginning of each hearing.

If you wish to make written comments or secure additional information, you may contact the Office of the Public Counsel, P.O. Box 2230, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102, telephone (573) 751-4857.

The local public hearings will be held in buildings that meet accessibility standards required by the Americans with Disabilities Act. If a customer needs additional accommodations to participate in these hearings, please call the Public Service Commission's Hotline at 1-800-392-4211 (voice) or Relay Missouri at 711 prior to the hearing.

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

9. The Public Information Office of the Missouri Public Service Commission shall send a copy of this order to members of the General Assembly and to the media that serve Laclede Gas Company's service area.

10. Laclede Gas Company shall place advertisements in the newspapers serving its service territory. The advertisements shall contain the information from the customer notice relevant to the customers in the newspaper's circulation area.

11. This order shall become effective on April 9, 2007.

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

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 9th day of April, 2007.