BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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In the Matter of the Verified Application and Petition of Laclede Gas Company to Change its Infrastructure System Replacement Surcharge in its Laclede Gas Service Territory

Case No. GO-2015-0341 Tariff No. YG-2016-0120

STAFF RECOMMENDATION ON COMPLIANCE TARIFF FILING

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission and pursuant to the Commission's November 12, 2015 *Report and Order* ("Order")¹ submits its *Staff Recommendation on Compliance Tariff Filing* to the Commission as set forth in detail in the attached appendix, and in support respectfully states as follows:

1. The Commission's Order issued on November 12, 2015, ordered Laclede Gas Company ("Laclede") to file a tariff sheet in compliance with the Order no later than November 13, 2015. The Order also ordered Staff to file a recommendation as to whether the tariff sheet is in compliance with the Order no later than November 16, 2015.

2. On November 13, 2015, Laclede filed a tariff sheet with the Commission which bears a proposed effective date of December 13, 2015. In its transmittal letter accompanying the tariff sheet Laclede requested the tariff sheet be made effective December 1, 2015.

3. Staff's recommendation is attached hereto as Appendix A and is incorporated herein by reference. As reflected in the attached, Staff has reviewed the

¹ This *Report and Order* was corrected by an *Order Nunc Pro Tunc* issued on the same date; when applicable, as used herein the term "Order" refers to the *Report and Order* as corrected.

tariff sheet filed by Laclede on November 13, 2015, and has determined that the rates therein comply with those authorized by the Commission's Order.²

4. Staff has verified that Laclede has filed its annual report and is not delinquent on any assessment. Staff is not aware of any other matter before the Commission that affects, or is affected by this filing.

WHEREFORE, Staff recommends that the Commission issue an order in this case that approves the following tariff sheet filed on November 13, 2015, to go into effect on December 1, 2015, as requested by Laclede:

P.S.C. MO. No. 5 Consolidated

Twenty-Fifth Revised Sheet No. 12, Cancelling Twenty-Fourth Revised Sheet No. 12

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Jeffrey A. Keevil

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand-delivered, or transmitted by facsimile or electronic mail to counsel of record this 16th day of November, 2015.

/s/ Jeffrey A. Keevil

² See Footnote 1.

MEMORANDUM

TO:	Missouri Public Service Commission Official Case File, Case No. GO-2015-0341, File No. YG-2016-0120, Laclede Gas Company	
FROM:	Thomas M. Imhoff, Energy – Tariffs / Rate Design	
	/s/ Thomas M Imhoff 11/16/15 Energy Department/Date	/s/ Jeffrey A. Keevil 11/16/15 Staff Counsel's Office/Date
SUBJECT:	Staff Report and Recommendation Regarding Laclede Gas Company's Tariff Sheet Filed in Compliance with the Commission's Report and Order	

DATE: November 16, 2015

BACKGROUND

On November 12, 2015, the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission") issued its REPORT AND ORDER ("Order") directing Laclede Gas Company ("Laclede") of St. Louis, Missouri to file a new tariff sheet to recover the revenue authorized in the Order no later than November 13, 2015. Also on November 12, 2015, the Commission issued an ORDER NUNC PRO TUNC to correct the amount of the authorized Infrastructure System Replacement Surcharge incremental revenue increase to reflect the correct level of \$4,456,045.

On November 13, 2015, Laclede filed a tariff sheet with the Commission which bears a proposed effective date of December 13, 2015. In its transmittal letter accompanying the tariff sheet, Laclede requested the tariff sheet be made effective December 1, 2015.

In its Order, the Commission directed the Staff to file its recommendation no later than November 16, 2015. This is Staff's recommendation.

STAFF'S ACTION & RECOMMENDATION

The Staff has reviewed Laclede's tariff sheet. Staff's analysis indicates that the tariff sheet filed by Laclede on November 13, 2015, complies with those prescribed rates authorized by the Commission's Order. Staff raises no objection to the expedited effective date of December 1, 2015.

The Staff has verified that the Company has filed its annual report and is not delinquent on any assessment. The Staff is not aware of any other matter before the Commission that affects or is affected by this filing.

Therefore, Staff recommends that the Commission issue an order that approves the following tariff sheet, as filed on November 13, 2015, to go into effect on December 1, 2015, as requested by Laclede.

P.S.C. MO. No. 5 Consolidated

Twenty-Fifth Revised Sheet No. 12, CANCELLING Twenty-Fourth Revised Sheet No. 12

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Case No. GO-2015-0341

AFFIDAVIT OF THOMAS M. IMHOFF

State of Missouri)) ss. County of Cole)

AFFIDAVIT

COMES NOW Thomas M. Imhoff and on his oath declares that he is of sound mind and lawful age; that he contributed to the attached Staff Recommendation and that the same is true and correct according to his best knowledge and belief.

Further the Affiant sayeth not.

Thomas M. Imhoff

JURAT

Subscribed and sworn before me, a duly constituted and authorized Notary Public, in and for the County of Cole, State of Missouri, at my office in Jefferson City, on this _____ day of ______ day of _______ 2015.

NOTARY PUBLIC

LAURA DISTLER Notary Public, Notary Seal State of Missouri Cole County Commission # 15203914 My Commission Expires June 21, 2019