

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

In the Matter of the Application of Laclede)	
Gas Company to Change Its Infrastructure)	<u>File No. GO-2016-0196</u>
System Replacement Surcharge in Its)	Tariff No. YG-2016-0193
Laclede Gas Service Territory)	

ORDER ACCEPTING RESPONSE

Issue Date: February 29 2016

Effective Date: February 29, 2016

On February 1, 2016, Laclede Gas Company (“Laclede”) filed a verified application and petition to change its Infrastructure System Replacement Surcharge (“ISRS”). The Commission issued an order directing Laclede to file sample customer notices for the Commission’s approval to comply with Commission rule 4 CSR 240-3.265. Section (8) of the rule states that the natural gas utility shall provide notices to its customers, with such notices to be approved by the Commission in accordance with section (9) of the same rule being sent to customers. The rule requires an initial, one time notice, an annual notice, and a surcharge description on all bills. Section (9) of the rule requires the natural gas company to file a draft of the customer notices required in section (8) of the rule to the Commission for approval within twenty days of the filing of the petition to establish an ISRS.

On February 18, Laclede filed a *Response to Order Directing Filing on Customer Notices*. Laclede points out that its current ISRS was established in a Commission order in File No. GO-2014-0212, which went into effect on April 12, 2014. In that case, the Commission approved Laclede’s initial notice, annual notice and the surcharge description as required by Commission rule 4 CSR 240-3.265 (8) and (9). Laclede asserts that

because the notices were approved at the time the ISRS was established, no change to these notices is requested by the company or required under the Commission's rule.

The Commission finds Laclede's interpretation of the rule to be reasonable and will accept the response in lieu of the previously ordered sample customer notices.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. Laclede Gas Company's *Response to Order Directing Filing of Customer Notices* is accepted and the requirement to file sample customer notices in ordered paragraph 4 of the Commission's February 3, 2016 order is rescinded.

2. This order shall be effective when issued.



BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Morris L. Woodruff". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

Kim S. Burton, Senior Regulatory Law Judge,
by delegation of authority pursuant to
Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 29th day of February, 2016.