

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of Laclede Gas Company's Tariff) **Case No. GR-2005-0284**
to Revise Natural Gas Rate Schedules.) Tariff No. YG-2006-0772

ORDER APPROVING TARIFF SHEETS FILED IN COMPLIANCE
WITH COMMISSION ORDER

Issue Date: May 5, 2006

Effective Date: May 13, 2006

This order approves Laclede Gas Company's tariff sheets filed in compliance with a Commission order.

On September 30, 2005, the Commission issued its Order Approving Stipulation and Agreement and Order Approving Tariff. Paragraph 13 of the Stipulation and Agreement provides that the parties to the agreement (Laclede, the Office of the Public Counsel, and the Commission's Staff) "agree that a low-income energy assistance program . . . should be approved by the Commission."

On April 12, 2006, Laclede Gas Company submitted proposed tariff sheets designed to implement a Low-Income Energy Affordability Program. The tariff sheets have a proposed effective date of May 13, 2006. The Commission issued an Order Directing Filing on April 18, 2006, setting a May 4, 2006 deadline for Staff to file its recommendation and for any other parties to file responses to the tariff. Staff filed its recommendation on April 24, 2006. No other responses were filed.

In its recommendation, Staff states that the purpose of the Low-Income Energy Affordability Program is to provide a mechanism whereby certain customers of Laclede can

pay off their past-due balances and maintain current payments of their gas usage through Laclede's winter months (November-April). Staff opines that successful participation in the program should result in a greater number of Laclede customers becoming full-time current-paying customers. Staff states that implementation of this program satisfies the requirements found in paragraph 13 of the Stipulation and Agreement, and recommends approval of the tariff sheets.

Upon review of this case, including Laclede's tariffs and Staff's recommendation, the Commission finds that the tariff sheets implement paragraph 13 of the Stipulation and Agreement as approved by the Commission. The Commission will therefore approve the tariff sheets.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. Laclede Gas Company's tariff sheets filed on April 14, 2006, and assigned Tariff No. YG-2006-0772, are approved for service on and after May 13, 2006. The tariff sheets approved are:

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

Original Sheet No. R-49
Original Sheet No. R-50
Original Sheet No. R-51
Original Sheet No. 4-52

2. This order shall become effective on May 13, 2006.
3. This case may close on May 14, 2006.

BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Colleen M. Dale', written over a horizontal line.

Colleen M. Dale
Secretary

(S E A L)

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 5th day of May, 2006.