

**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 SETTING STIPULATION HEARING,**  
**SUSPENDING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE, AND DIRECTING FILING**

Issue Date: July 3, 2007

Effective Date: July 3, 2007

On July 2, 2007, the parties informed the Commission that they had reached an agreement in principle purporting to settle all issues in this case. Anticipating that the agreement will be filed in the near future, the Commission shall set a hearing date for the presentation of the agreement and questions from the Commission.

The parties also stated that part of the agreement would be an August 1, 2007 effective date for the new rates. An evidentiary hearing and dates for the filing of rebuttal and surrebuttal testimony have previously been set. In order for the Commission to consider the merits of the agreement in a timely manner, the Commission finds that good cause exists to set the stipulation hearing on less than ten-days notice.

The Commission would be aided by a memorandum from its Staff regarding the provisions of the agreement. Thus, the Commission shall direct its Staff to file a memorandum in support of the agreement expanding on the provisions of the agreement and explaining in further detail the reasons why the agreement is in the public interest. Any other party wishing to file such a memorandum may do so.

In addition, the Commission will suspend the portions of the procedural schedule requiring filings prior to the original evidentiary hearing. At this time the evidentiary hearing shall not be canceled until further order of the Commission.

**IT IS ORDERED THAT:**

1. The parties are directed to appear at a hearing for the purpose of presenting the agreement and answering Commission questions regarding such agreement on July 12, 2007, at 1:30 p.m. in Room 310 of the Governor Office Building, 200 Madison Street, Jefferson City, Missouri. The Governor Office Building meets accessibility standards required by the Americans with Disabilities Act. Anyone needing additional accommodations to participate in the hearing should call the Public Service Commission's Hotline at 1-800-392-4211 (voice) or Relay Missouri at 711 prior to the hearing.

2. The Staff of the Commission shall file a memorandum in support of the agreement as set out in the body of this order no later than 5:00 p.m. on July 11, 2007.

3. Any other party that wishes to file a memorandum in support or opposition to the agreement shall do so no later than 5:00 p.m. on July 11, 2007.

4. The procedural schedule is suspended with regard to the filings required before the evidentiary hearing.

5. This order shall become effective on July 3, 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

( 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 3rd day of July, 2007.