

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of Laclede Gas Company's)
Verified Application for Authority to Issue and Sell)
First Mortgage Bonds, Unsecured Debt and Preferred Stock,)
in Connection with a Universal Shelf Registration Statement,)
to Issue Common Stock and Receive Capital Contributions,)
to issue or accept Private Placement Securities, and)
to Enter Into Capital Leases, all in a Total Amount)
Not to Exceed \$600 Million)

File No. GF-2009-0450

ORDER DIRECTING FILING

Issue Date: December 31, 2009

Effective Date: December 31, 2009

The Missouri Public Service Commission is directing Laclede Gas Company ("Laclede") to file a response to the recommendation of the Commission's staff ("Staff"). Staff filed its recommendation as to the application described in this order's caption on December 29, 2009. That date is also the date on which Staff served its recommendation on Laclede, according to the recommendation's certificate of service. The Commission's regulations ordinarily allow no more than ten days to file a response to a recommendation,¹ but they also allow the Commission to expand such time.² Therefore, the Commission will require a response to the recommendation as set forth below.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. Laclede Gas Company shall file a response to the recommendation of the Commission's staff no later than January 15, 2010.

¹ 4 CSR 240-2.080(15); 4 CSR 240-2.010(13).

² 4 CSR 240-2.050(3)(A).

2. This order shall become effective immediately upon issuance.

BY THE COMMISSION

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Steven C. Reed
Secretary

(S E A L)

Daniel Jordan, Regulatory Law Judge,
by delegation of authority pursuant
to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 31st day of December 2009.