

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

In the Matter of Laclede Gas Company's Filing)	
of Revised Tariffs to Increase its Annual)	<u>File No. GR-2013-0171</u>
Revenues for Natural Gas)	Tariff No. YG-2013-0292

**ORDER SETTING
LOCAL PUBLIC HEARINGS**

Issue Date: March 21, 2013

Effective Date: March 21, 2013

On March 13, 2013, the Commission issued an order approving the parties' recommended procedural schedule. In that order, the Commission stated that local public hearing would be set in a subsequent order. This order serves that purpose and the Commission will schedule local public hearings at locations in Laclede Gas Company's service area.

In the agreed-upon public notice language, Laclede is to inform customers that a question-and-answer session will be held ½ hour prior to start of the hearing. This implies that the question and answer session will last only 30 minutes. In prior local public hearings, the Commission has experienced that these sessions routinely last more than 30 minutes and that extended question-and-answer sessions are beneficial to the local public hearing process. The Commission will therefore direct that this language state that the "on-the-record portion of the hearing will begin promptly at the conclusion of the question-and-answer session." With this exception, the agreed-upon notice language is acceptable and Laclede will be directed to provide notice of the hearings to its customers.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The Commission’s Public Information Office shall make an informational presentation and conduct a question-and-answer session for the public at the beginning of each local public hearing.

2. Laclede Gas Company, the Commission’s Staff, and the Office of the Public Counsel shall each prepare a one-page statement outlining their current assessment of the case, and shall bring sufficient copies for distribution at the question-and-answer session that begins each local public hearing.

3. Laclede Gas Company, the Commission’s Staff, and the Office of the Public Counsel shall make a representative available to address substantive issues during the question-and-answer session. Any other party, at its discretion, may prepare a statement and make a representative available to address substantive issues during the question-and-answer session.

4. No later than ten days before the local public hearings, Laclede Gas Company shall provide individual notice to each of its electric service customers, with the amended language set out in the body of this order.

5. Local Public Hearings shall be held as follows:

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| <u>June 3:</u> 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
University of Missouri–St. Louis
Millennium Student Center
Century Rooms A and B
One University Drive
St. Louis, MO | AND | 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Harris-Stowe State University
Emerson Performance Center
Bank of America Theater
3101 Laclede Ave
St. Louis, MO |
| <u>June 4:</u> 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
St. Louis Community College
Meramec Campus
Business Administration Bldg., Rm 105
11333 Big Bend Blvd.
Kirkwood, MO | AND | 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Crystal City High School Auditorium
1100 Mississippi Ave.
Crystal City, MO |

June 17: 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
St. Charles Administration Bldg.
Rooms 115 -116
201 N. Second Street
St. Charles, MO

AND 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
St. Louis County Library
Thornhill Branch, Auditorium
12863 Willowick Dr.
St. Louis, MO

6. This order shall become effective upon issuance.

BY THE COMMISSION



Shelley Brueggemann
Acting Secretary

Kennard L. Jones, Senior Regulatory
Law Judge, by delegation of authority
pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 21st day of March, 2013.