

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of Laclede Gas Company's Tariff to)
Increase Its Annual Revenues for Natural Gas Service)

File No. GR-2010-0171
Tariff No. YG-2010-0376

ORDER SETTING ORAL ARGUMENT

Issue Date: June 22, 2010

Effective Date: June 22, 2010

The Missouri Public Service Commission is scheduling oral argument on *Staff's Motion to Add Parties* ("the motion") as agreed to or unopposed by all parties in the *Parties Response to Commission's Order Regarding Procedural Schedule* ("response").

Laclede Gas Company ("Laclede") initiated this action with the filing of a tariff on December 4, 2010. Staff filed the motion with supporting suggestions on May 4, 2010, asking the Commission to join as parties certain of Laclede's related entities ("affiliates"). Laclede filed its opposition on May 14, 2010.

The Commission set a date for oral argument on the motion, but the parties asked to continue such date by motion filed on June 9, 2010. On that same date, the Commission granted the continuance. Since then, the Commission has inquired as to whether the parties desired suspension of the procedural schedule and received status reports in response.

Staff filed the response on June 21, 2010, stating the following. Settlement discussions are continuing, but not complete, so the Commission need not suspend the procedural schedule. Staff is continuing its investigation into whether the affiliates' business operations are substantially separate and apart from Laclede's. On those grounds, the Commission should set the motion for oral argument because it may still be necessary.

Therefore, the Commission will schedule oral argument on the motion.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The regulatory law judge ("RLJ") assigned to this case will convene oral argument on *Staff's Motion to Add Parties* at 10:00 a.m., on July 9, 2010 in Room 310 of the Governor Office Building, 200 Madison Street, Jefferson City, Missouri.
2. That room is in a building that meets accessibility standards required by the Americans with Disabilities Act. Anyone who needs additional accommodations to participate in the hearing shall contact the Commission. To contact the Commission for such additional accommodations, such party shall call the Commission's Hotline at 1-800-392-4211 (voice) or Relay Missouri at 711 before the hearing.
3. This order shall become effective immediately upon issuance.

BY THE COMMISSION



Steven C. Reed
Secretary

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

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 22nd day of June 2010.