

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

In the Matter of the filing of Laclede Gas )  
Company's PGA factors to be reviewed in )  
its 2009-2010 ACA filing. )

Case No. GR-2011-0055

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission in the above-captioned matter and, in response to the tariff filed by Laclede to implement a slight decrease in its PGA for the upcoming winter season, Staff recommends approval of the tariff rates on an interim, subject to refund basis, and further states:

1. On October 29, 2010, Laclede Gas Company (Laclede or Company) of St. Louis, Missouri filed a tariff sheet proposed to become effective November 16, 2010.

2. The tariff sheet was filed to reflect scheduled changes in Laclede's Purchased Gas Adjustment (PGA) factors as the result of an estimated change in the cost of natural gas for the upcoming winter season and changes in the Actual Cost Adjustment (ACA) factor.

3. Laclede's tariffs define its Winter Season as November through April. All other gas companies have a five month winter season, November through March.

4. The effect of these changes from this filing will reduce the PGA rate filed by Laclede on November 16, 2010, from \$0.65238 per therm to \$0.64093 per therm. This represents a slight decrease of \$0.01145 per therm.

5. This rate change should be approved only on an interim, subject-to-refund status pending final Commission decisions in ACA Case Nos. GR-2011-0055, GR-2010-0138, GR-2008-0387, GR-2008-0140, GR-2006-0288, and GR-2005-0203.

6. Due to the limited time available to review the documentation supporting the ACA factor represented in this filing, the Procurement Analysis Department (PAD) has requested permission to submit its results and recommendations regarding the information included in this ACA filing to the Commission on or before December 31, 2011.

7. Staff has verified that the Company has filed its annual report and is not delinquent on any of its assessment. Staff is not aware of any other matter before the Commission that affects or is affected by this filing.

8. Good cause for approval of this tariff sheet on an expedited basis is demonstrated by Laclede's Commission approved PGA clause which permits ten (10) business days notice for PGA change filings.

WHEREFORE, Staff recommends the proposed tariffs be approved, interim, subject to refund.

Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand-delivered, or transmitted by facsimile or electronic mail to all counsel of record this 5th day of November, 2010.

**/s/ Lera Shemwell**