

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a session of the Public Service Commission held at its office in Jefferson City on the 26th day of June, 2013.

In the Matter of Laclede Gas Company's Filing)
of Revised Tariffs to Increase its Annual) **File No. GR-2013-0171**
Revenues for Natural Gas)

ORDER APPROVING UNANIMOUS STIPULATION AND AGREEMENT

Issue Date: June 26, 2013

Effective Date: July 8, 2013

Syllabus: In this order, the Commission approves the unanimous Stipulation and Agreement resolving all issues in this case. The Commission will also reject the proposed tariff sheets initially filed with the rate increase request and will direct Laclede Gas Company to file tariff sheets consistent with the Agreement.

Background

On December 21, 2012, Laclede Gas Company filed revised tariff sheets proposing to increase rates in the amount of \$48.4 million for gas service to Missouri customers. On December 27, the Commission suspended the proposed tariff sheets and established a date for requests to intervene. Upon application, the Commission granted intervention to: Ameren Missouri; USW Local 11-6; Wal-Mart Stores East, LP; AARP; Consumer Council of Missouri; County of St. Charles, Missouri; the Missouri Department of Natural Resources; and, the Missouri Industrial Energy Consumers.¹

On May 31, 2013, the parties, with the exception of the County of St. Charles, filed a Stipulation and Agreement resolving all issues in the case. The parties amended the

¹ The Missouri Industrial Energy Consumers consists of Anheuser-Busch, The Boeing Company, Enbridge, General Motors, Hussmann Refrigeration, Mallinckrodt, MEMC Electronic Materials, Monsanto, and Nestle Purina.

Agreement on June 14, 2013. The County of St. Charles has not opposed the agreement. The Commission will therefore treat the agreement as unanimous.²

The Stipulation and Agreement

Among other things, the parties agree on the following: Inclusion of Existing ISRS Amounts in Base Rates; PGA/ACA; Tariff Modifications; Pensions and Other Post-Employment Benefits; Accounting Authorization/Reservation of Rights; Propane Related Issues; Infrastructure System Replacement Surcharge; Low-Income Energy Assistance Program; and, Conservation and Energy Efficiency Programs.

On June 14, the parties filed an amendment to the Agreement through which they make changes pertaining to: Inclusion of Existing ISRS Amounts in Base Rates, Tariff Modifications, and, Infrastructure System Replacement Surcharge. Also, to accommodate Laclede's implementation of the Customer Case and Billing component of its enterprise-wide information management system, the parties agree to aspects of those amended portions of the Agreement going into effect on September 1, 2013.

Discussion

Because this file is being disposed of by agreement, the Commission need not make findings of fact or conclusions of law.³ However, consistent with Section 393.130.1, the Commission concludes that the rates and charges contemplated by this Stipulation and Agreement are just and reasonable. Having so concluded, the Commission will approve the agreement as amended, which is attached to this order. The Commission will also reject the proposed tariff sheets that are now suspended and direct Laclede to file revised tariff sheets that are consistent with the Agreement as amended.

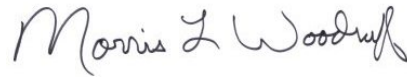
² 4 CSR 240-2.115(2)(C).

³ Section 536.090 RSMo.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The Unanimous Stipulation and Agreement, as amended and attached to this order, is approved and the provisions set out therein are incorporated into this order.
2. The proposed tariff sheets filed on December 21, 2012, and assigned Tariff File No. YG-2013-0292, are rejected.
3. Laclede Gas Company shall file revised tariff sheets that are consistent with the terms of the Stipulation and Agreement as amended.
4. The signatories shall comply with the terms of the Stipulation and Agreement.
5. This order shall become effective on July 8, 2013.

BY THE COMMISSION



Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

R. Kenney, Chm., Jarrett, Stoll,
and W. Kenney, CC., concur.

Jones, Senior Regulatory Law Judge