

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

In the Matter of the Verified Application and)	
Petition of Laclede Gas Company to Change its)	<u>File No. GO-2012-0145</u>
Infrastructure System Replacement Surcharge)	Tariff File No. YG-2012-0209

**STAFF RESPONSE TO ORDER
DIRECTING FILING OF STAFF REPORT**

1. On November 9, 2011, under Sections 393.1009, 393.1012 and 393.1015, RSMo (2000 as currently supplemented), Laclede Gas Company (Laclede) filed an application with the Commission, requesting authorization to establish an Infrastructure System Replacement Surcharge (ISRS) for numerous gas utility plant projects.

2. The application included a tariff, which has an effective date of January 13, 2012.

3. On December 7, 2011, the Commission directed Staff to file a Report concerning the ISRS, or state when Staff plans to file its Report and recommending whether the Commission should suspend the tariff.

4. Staff is currently in the process of completing its Report, but is expecting Laclede to submit updated information to Staff on December 21, 2011.

5. This information is necessary for Staff to complete its Report.

6. Staff expects to file its final Report no later than January 5, 2012.

7. The tariff effective date is currently set as January 13, 2012. In Laclede's recent ISRS filings, Laclede has promptly filed and concurred with the Staff's Report. There have been no other comments or objections.

8. If this case proceeds in this same manner, the Commission may be able to schedule this matter for its January 11, 2011 Agenda, in which case, if the Commission approves the agreed upon recommendation, it may make its order effective on January 13, 2011 and the Commission will not need to suspend the tariff.

9. However, if there are complications in the way this case proceeds, then a brief suspension may be necessary. In that event, Staff recommends a two week suspension.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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 15th day of December, 2011.

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