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 Infrastructure) <u>File No. GO-2010-0212</u> System Replacement Surcharge) Tariff No. YG-2010-0455

ORDER DIRECTING NOTICE, DIRECTING FILINGS AND SETTING INTERVENTION DEADLINE

Issue Date: January 19, 2010 Effective Date: January 19, 2010 On January 15, 2010, Laclede Gas Company ("Laclede") filed an application with the Missouri Public Service Commission pursuant to Sections 393.1009, 393.1012, and 393.1015, RSMo Cum. Supp. 2009, and Commission Rules 4 CSR 240-2.060, 2.080 and 3.265, requesting that the Commission authorize it to change its Infrastructure System Replacement Surcharge ("ISRS"). Section 393.1015.2(3) requires that the Commission act on Laclede's application no later than 120 days after the petition was filed; therefore, the Commission must issue an order regarding the application effective no later than May 15, 2010.¹

Section 393.1015.1(2) requires that the Commission publish notice of Laclede's filing. Therefore, the Commission will give notice of this application to the general public and interested persons and set a date for intervention. The Commission's Data Center shall mail a copy of this notice to the county commission, or equivalent governmental body, of the City of St. Louis, and counties served by Laclede. The Data Center shall also mail a

¹ Pursuant to Section 393.1015(3) the Commission may hold a hearing prior to reaching its decision.

copy of this notice to the parties in Laclede's current rate case, File No. GR-2010-0171.² In addition, the Commission's Public Information Office shall make notice of this order available to the media serving Laclede's service area and to the members of the General Assembly representing Laclede's service area. ³

Pursuant to Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-3.265(8) and (9), Laclede must file sample customer notices for the Commission's approval. The Office of the Public Counsel may file a response to those notices within ten days of their filing. Additionally, Laclede has requested action on its application by March 31, 2010, which is earlier than the statutory 120-day limit. Consequently, the Commission will direct its Staff to inform the Commission on when it can prepare and file its recommendation.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The Commission's Data Center shall serve notice as set out in the body of this order.

2. The Commission's Information Officer shall serve notice as set out in the body of this order.

3. Any entity wishing to intervene in this matter shall file an application to do so no later than January 29, 2010. Such applications shall be filed with:

Secretary, Missouri Public Service Commission P.O. Box 360 Jefferson City, Missouri 65102

or by using the Commission's Electronic Filing and Information System.

² Laclede's previous ISRS case was File No. GO-2009-0389. The Commission most recent decision on a rate case filed by Laclede, the case preceding the on-going rate case, was File No. GR-2007-0208.

³ Laclede's application indicates that it serves the following Missouri cities and counties: City of St. Louis and the Counties of St. Louis, St. Charles, Crawford, Jefferson, Franklin, Iron, St. Genevieve, St. Francois, Madison, and Butler.

4. No later than February 4, 2010, Laclede Gas Company shall file sample customer notices as required by Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-3.265.

5. No later than ten days after Laclede Gas Company files the sample customer notices, as directed in ordered paragraph number 4, the Office of the Public Counsel may file a response to those notices.

6. No later than January 26, 2010, the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission shall file a pleading informing the Commission of when it proposes to file its recommendation in this matter.

7. This order shall become effective immediately upon issuance.

BY THE COMMISSION

Steven C. Reed Secretary

(SEAL)

Harold Stearley, Senior Regulatory Law Judge, by delegation of authority pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri, on this 19th day of January, 2010.