

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Abandonment by Laclede Gas)
Company, on behalf of its Missouri Natural Gas)
Company Division, of General L.P. Gas Service to)
Customers in the Meadowview Acres Mobile Home)
Park in Jefferson County, Missouri.)

Case No. GO-2008-0067

ORDER DIRECTING NOTICE AND ORDER DIRECTING FILING

Issue Date: September 14, 2007

Effective Date: September 14, 2007

On August 31, 2007, Laclede Gas Company, on behalf of its Missouri Natural Gas Company Division, filed an application wherein it seeks to abandon its General L.P. Gas Service to customers in the Meadowview Acres Mobile Home Park in Jefferson County, Missouri. By implication, Laclede is asking the Commission to approve the sale of assets.

Laclede currently has 13 customers in Meadowview Acres and seeks to sell its usable propane gas assets to AmeriGas Partners, L.P., an unregulated propane gas provider. Under the terms of the sales contract, AmeriGas will provide propane gas service to any existing customer in Meadowview Acres who desires to receive the service under terms similar to those provided by Laclede. Specifically, AmeriGas would, at no charge, provide and connect an individual propane tank for each customer that desires to receive propane service from it. In addition, AmeriGas has agreed to provide each of these customers a discount on the first 400 gallons of propane purchased, offer a monthly budget billing plan, and waive all initial setup fees. Because AmeriGas will provide direct

connection of individual propane tanks, Laclede intends to abandon its service lines in place.

The Commission determines that notice of this application and an opportunity to intervene and provide comments is appropriate. The requirement of a hearing has been fulfilled when all those having a desire to be heard are offered an opportunity to be heard. If no proper party or governmental entity is granted intervention and neither the Commission's Staff nor the Office of the Public Counsel requests a hearing, the Commission may determine that a hearing is not necessary and make its determination based on the verified application.¹

Thus, the Commission shall direct its Data Center to mail a copy of this order to the County Commission of Jefferson County and to each of the customers set out in Exhibit B to Exhibit 1 of the application. However, because those customer names have been filed as "highly confidential" information, the Commission shall direct its Data Center to maintain that portion of the service list as "highly confidential."

In addition, the Commission shall direct its public information officer to make available a copy of this notice to the legislators and the news media serving Jefferson County and the remainder of Laclede's service territory.

Finally, the Commission shall direct its Staff to file a recommendation or a status report indicating the earliest time in which it expects to file its recommendation regarding the sale of assets and abandonment of service.

¹ State ex rel. Rex Deffenderfer Enterprises, Inc. v. P.S.C., 776 S.W.2d 494, 496 (Mo. App. 1989).

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. The Commission's Data Center shall send a copy of this order to the County Commission of Jefferson County and to each of the customers set out in Exhibit B to Exhibit 1 of the application. The Data Center shall maintain the customer names as "highly confidential."

2. The Public Information Officer shall make a copy of this order available to the legislators and the news media serving Jefferson County and the remainder of Laclede's service territory.

3. Any proper person wishing to intervene in this matter shall file an application to do so no later than October 4, 2007. Such applications shall be filed with:

Secretary
Missouri Public Service Commission
Post Office Box 360
Jefferson City, Missouri 65102

and a copy served on:

Michael C. Pendergast
Vice President & Associate General Counsel
Laclede Gas Company
720 Olive Street, Room 1520
St. Louis, Missouri 63101

and:

Office of the Public Counsel
Post Office Box 2230
Jefferson City, Missouri 65102

4. No later than October 4, 2007, any customer wishing to file written comments with the Commission may do so by sending those comments to the Secretary of the Commission at the address listed above, or by submitting those comments on-line at <https://www.efis.psc.mo.gov/mpsc/comments.html>. Comments may also be submitted to

the Office of the Public Counsel at the address listed above. Please reference Case No. GO-2008-0067.

5. No later than October 15, 2007, the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission shall file a recommendation or a status report indicating the earliest time in which it expects to file its recommendation regarding the sale of assets and abandonment of service.

6. This order shall become effective on September 14, 2007.

BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Colleen M. Dale', written over a horizontal line.

Colleen M. Dale
Secretary

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Nancy Dippell, Deputy Chief Regulatory
Law Judge, by delegation of authority
pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 14th day of September, 2007.