

**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 System Replacement Surcharge.)	<u>File No. GO-2011-0361</u>
)	File No. YG-2011-0556

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Staff”), by and through its attorney, and submits to the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Commission”) its *Staff Recommendation* as follows:

1. On June 27, 2011 Laclede Gas Company (“Laclede”) filed its *Response to Staff Recommendation and Motion for Expedited Treatment* with the Commission stating that it “accepts” Staff’s Recommendation.

2. On June 27, 2011, in a separate submission, Laclede filed a “compliance” tariff sheet reflecting Staff’s rates and included a cover letter with that filing.

3. On July 5, 2011, Laclede filed a substitute tariff to reflect the proper issue and effective dates to the tariff.

4. In Staff’s Memorandum, attached hereto as Attachment A and incorporated by reference herein, Staff states that its’ analysis indicates that the tariff sheet filed by Laclede on June 27, 2011, and as substituted on July 5, 2011, complies with the Staff’s June 27, 2011 recommendation, and that Staff has no objection to the expedited effective date of July 8, 2011.

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

WHEREFORE, Staff recommends that the following tariff sheet, as filed on June 27, 2011, and as substituted on July 5, 2011, be allowed to go into effect on July 8, 2011, as requested by Laclede.

Respectfully submitted,

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/s/ Meghan E. McClowry

MEMORANDUM

TO: Missouri Public Service Commission Official Case File,
Case No. GO-2011-0361, File No. YG-2012-0007, Laclede Gas Company

FROM: Thomas M Imhoff, Energy – Tariffs / Rate Design

/s/ Tom Imhoff 07/05/11 /s/ Meghan McClowry 07/05/11
Energy Department/Date Staff Counsel's Office/Date

SUBJECT: Staff Report and Recommendation Regarding Laclede Gas Company's
RESPONSE TO STAFF RECOMMENDATION AND MOTION FOR
EXPEDITED TREATMENT in order to Change its Infrastructure System
Replacement Surcharge and Subsequent "Compliance" Filing

DATE: July 5, 2011

BACKGROUND

On June 27, 2011 Laclede Gas Company (Laclede or Company) of St. Louis, Missouri filed a RESPONSE TO STAFF RECOMMENDATION AND MOTION FOR EXPEDITED TREATMENT (Motion) with the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission) stating that it "accepts" Staff's Recommendation.

On June 27, 2011, in a separate submission, Laclede filed a "compliance" tariff sheet reflecting Staff's rates and included a cover letter with that filing.

On July 5, 2011, Laclede filed a substitute tariff to reflect the proper issue and effective dates to the tariff.

STAFF'S ACTION & RECOMMENDATION

The Staff has reviewed Laclede's tariff sheet. Staff's analysis indicates that the tariff sheet filed by Laclede on June 27, 2011, and as substituted on July 5, 2011, complies with the Staff's June 27, 2011 recommendation. Staff raises no objection to the expedited effective date of July 8, 2011.

The Staff has verified that the Company has filed its 2010 annual report and is not delinquent on any assessment. The Staff is not aware of any other matter before the Commission that affects or is affected by this filing.

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Therefore, Staff recommends that the following tariff sheet, as filed on June 27, 2010, and as substituted on July 5, 2011, be allowed to go into effect on July 8, 2011, as requested by Laclede.

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17th Revised Sheet No. 12, CANCELLING 16th Revised Sheet No. 12

