

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of Laclede Gas Company's Tariff)
to Revise Natural Gas Rate Schedules.) **Case No. GR-2005-0284**

ORDER GRANTING MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION
AND GRANTING EXPEDITED TREATMENT

Issue Date: August 18, 2005

Effective Date: August 18, 2005

On August 12, 2005, the Commission issued an Order Directing Filing that directed the parties to file a summary of the practical effects of their tentative settlement agreement no later than August 19, 2005. On August 17, 2005, Laclede Gas Company and the Office of the Public Counsel filed a joint motion requesting that the parties be relieved from complying with the Commission's order.

Laclede and the Public Counsel argue that the agreement is not yet final and is only tentative subject to the comments received at the August 24, 2005 public hearing. The parties also do not wish to disclose their confidential settlement discussions in the event no agreement is reached. In addition, the parties have not yet completed the details of the agreement and, therefore, believe that it is premature to disclose the terms of the agreement. Laclede and Public Counsel asked for expedited treatment of their motion because of the quickly approaching deadline for the filing.

The Commission has considered the Joint Motion for Reconsideration and Request for Expedited Treatment and finds that it should be granted. The parties will be excused from complying with the Commission's August 12, 2005 Order Directing Filing.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the motion for expedited treatment is granted.
2. That the parties are excused from complying with the Order Directing Filing issued on August 12, 2005.
3. That this order shall become effective on August 18, 2005.

BY THE COMMISSION



Colleen M. Dale
Secretary

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

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 18th day of August, 2005.