

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Purchased)
Gas Adjustment filing of Laclede) **Case No. GR-2006-0288**
Gas Company) **Tariff No. JG-2006-0527**

ORDER APPROVING INTERIM RATES

Issue Date: January 10, 2006

Effective Date: January 11, 2006

On January 5, 2006, Laclede Gas Company filed a proposed tariff sheet setting interim rates pursuant to the provisions of Sheet Nos. 15 through 28-h of Laclede's tariff. The PGA filing for Sheet No. 29 reflects changes to the Current Purchased Gas Adjustment (CPGA) for Laclede's natural gas customers and subdivision propane customers. The PGA filing for Sheet No. 18-a has been revised so that the base CPGA rates in said sheet conform to the CPGA rates the Commission approved to be effective October 1, 2005 in connection with the resolution of Laclede's last general rate case.

Laclede's underlying charge for gas for firm sales customers will decrease by approximately \$.10 per therm from \$1.13 to \$1.03 primarily due to the recent drop in wholesale natural gas prices that has occurred since Laclede established the PGA factors that became effective in November 2005.

The natural gas PGA rates proposed will decrease the natural gas bill of the typical residential heating customer by approximately \$19 per month during the January through March period, or 7% compared to existing rates.

The Commission's Staff filed its Memorandum and Recommendation on January 9, 2006. In its Memorandum and Recommendation, Staff supports the decrease and supports Commission approval and incorporation of the reduction in rates as expeditiously as possible, in that any rate change at this time is subject to true-up in the ACA process. Staff notes that, because Laclede's PGA clause allows for PGA change filings to take affect on ten days' notice, good cause has been shown pursuant to Section 393.140(11), RSMo 2000, to permit the tariff to become effective on less than 30 days' notice. Staff recommends that the rates be immediately approved on an interim basis, subject to refund.

The Commission has reviewed the proposed tariff sheet and Staff's Memorandum and Recommendation. The Commission finds that the proposed tariff sheet conforms to the Company's Commission-approved PGA Clause. After considering Staff's recommendation, and for good cause shown pursuant to Section 393.140(11), RSMo 2000, the Commission concludes that the proposed tariff sheet should be approved to become effective on January 11, 2006, on an interim basis, subject to refund.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the proposed tariff sheet filed on January 5, 2006, by Laclede Gas Company is approved on an interim basis, subject to refund, for service rendered on and after January 11, 2006. The specific tariff sheet approved is:

P.S.C. MO. No. 5 Consolidated
Third Revised Sheet No. 18-a, Canceling Second Revised Sheet No. 18-a

P.S.C. MO. No. 5 Consolidated
208th Revised Sheet No. 29, Canceling 207th Revised Sheet No. 29

2. That this order shall become effective on January 11, 2006.

BY THE COMMISSION



Colleen M. Dale
Secretary

(SEAL)

Colleen M. Dale, Chief Regulatory Law
Judge, by delegation of authority pursuant
to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 10th day of January, 2006.