

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Joint Application of Fidelity)
Natural Gas, Inc., and Laclede Gas Company)
for an Order Authorizing the Sale and Transfer of)
Certain Assets of Fidelity Natural Gas, Inc.,)
Located in Missouri to Laclede Gas Company)
and Either Authorizing the Transfer of Existing)
Certificates of Public Convenience and)
Necessity or Granting a New Certificate of Public)
Convenience and Necessity to Laclede Gas)
Company in Conjunction with Same)

Case No. GM-2006-0183

ORDER DIRECTING FILING

Issue Date: December 19, 2005

Effective Date: December 19, 2005

On October 21, 2005, Fidelity Natural Gas, Inc., and Laclede Gas Company filed a joint application seeking the Commission's authority for Fidelity to sell and transfer to Laclede certain assets of Fidelity located in Missouri. On December 16, 2005, the Staff of the Commission filed its recommendation approving the sale with a number of conditions listed as A through G on its memorandum. The Commission will order Fidelity and Laclede to respond to Staff's conditional recommendation, should they find a response is necessary. In that the joint applicants have requested expeditious consideration of their request, the Commission will shorten the time to file a responsive pleading.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That joint applicants, Fidelity Natural Gas, Inc., and Laclede Gas Company, shall file a response to the Commission Staff's recommendation, should they deem a response is necessary, by December 21, 2005.
2. That this order shall become effective on December 19, 2005.

BY THE COMMISSION



Colleen M. Dale
Secretary

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Steven C. Reed, Regulatory Law Judge,
by delegation of authority pursuant to
Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 19th day of December, 2005.