

**STATE OF MISSOURI  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a session of the Public Service Commission held at its office in Jefferson City on the 3rd day of September, 2008.

In the Matter of Laclede Gas Company's Tariff Filing )  
to Allow Estimated Billing Whenever an Automatic ) **Case No. GT-2008-0374**  
Meter Reader Fails to Send Readings of Actual Usage. ) Tariff No. YG-2008-0690

**ORDER SUSPENDING TARIFF, DIRECTING FILING,  
AND RESERVING HEARING DATES**

Issue Date: September 3, 2008

Effective Date: September 16, 2008

On May 19, 2008, Laclede Gas Company (“Laclede”) filed a proposed tariff revision to allow Laclede to estimate the usage on a customer’s natural gas bill whenever an automatic meter reader (“AMR”) fails to transmit an actual reading. The proposed revision also contains notice requirements in the event Laclede’s meter or AMR is defective. The tariff revision was assigned Tariff No. YG-2008-0690 and bears an effective date of September 16, 2008.

On May 28, 2008, the Office of the Public Counsel (“Public Counsel”) filed a motion to suspend the tariff revision and a request for an evidentiary hearing. Laclede filed its response on June 9, 2008, requesting that the Commission schedule a prehearing conference.

A prehearing conference was held on June 30, 2008, and the parties continued discussions regarding the tariff. Staff subsequently filed periodic status reports on behalf of the parties, most recently on August 22, 2008. The reports advised that the parties were

continuing discussions of draft language and indicated that a resolution of the issues might be possible.

However, on August 28, 2008, on behalf of the parties, Staff filed a Recommendation to Suspend Tariff and Set Hearing Date. The parties have not been able to come to a full resolution of the issues in this matter and jointly request that the Commission suspend the tariff, schedule an evidentiary hearing in January 2009, and direct the parties to file a more detailed proposed procedural schedule.

In order to move this case forward, inasmuch the parties have been unable to reach an agreement, the Commission will accept the parties' recommendations. The Commission shall suspend the effective date of the tariff, direct the parties to file a detailed proposed procedural schedule as set out below, and reserve dates for a hearing.

**IT IS ORDERED THAT:**

1. Laclede Gas Company's tariff revision (Tariff No. YG-2008-0690), filed on May 19, 2008, is suspended until March 16, 2009, unless otherwise ordered by the Commission. The tariff sheets suspended are:

**P.S.C. MO. No. 5 Consolidated**

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**Sixth Revised Sheet No. R-8, Cancelling Fifth Revised Sheet No. R-8  
Original Sheet No. R-8-a, Cancelling All Previous Schedules**

2. No later than September 16, 2008, the parties shall file a detailed proposed procedural schedule.

3. January 13 and 14, 2009, are reserved for a hearing in this matter if one becomes necessary. If held, the hearing will be in Room 310 of the Governor Office Building, 200 Madison Street, Jefferson City, Missouri..

4. This order shall become effective September 16, 2008.

**BY THE COMMISSION**

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Colleen M. Dale  
Secretary

( S E A L )

Davis, Chm., Murray, Clayton,  
Jarrett, and Gunn, CC., concur.

Dippell, Deputy Chief Regulatory Law Judge