

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a session of the Public Service
Commission held at its office in
Jefferson City on the 28th day of
August, 2008.

In the Matter of Laclede Gas Company's Tariff)
Designed to Permit Early Implementation of)
Cold Weather Rule Provision and to Permit)
Laclede to Collect Bad Debt Through the PGA)

Case No. GT-2009-0026
Tariff No. JG-2009-0033

**ORDER ADOPTING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE AND FURTHER
SUSPENDING TARIFF**

Issue Date: August 28, 2008

Effective Date: August 28, 2008

On August 5, 2008, acting on motions filed by the Commission's Staff and the Office of the Public Counsel, the Commission suspended a tariff filed by Laclede Gas Company until December 6, 2008. The Commission convened a prehearing conference on August 21, and directed the parties to file a proposed procedural schedule by August 26. On August 26, the parties jointly filed a proposed procedural schedule leading to an evidentiary hearing on December 8 and 9. Since all parties accept the proposed schedule, the Commission will adopt it.

The Commission notes that hearing room 310 has previously been reserved for a hearing in another case. Therefore, this hearing will be scheduled in hearing room 305.

The Commission initially suspended Laclede's tariff for only 120 days, until December 6. Since the parties propose a hearing beginning after that date, the Commission concludes the tariff should be suspended the additional six months allowed by Section 393.150.2, RSMo (2000).

The parties shall comply with the following procedural requirements:

(A) Testimony shall be prefiled as defined in Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.130.

All parties must comply with this rule, including the requirement that testimony be filed on line-numbered pages.

(B) The parties shall agree upon and Staff shall file a list of the issues to be heard, the witnesses to appear on each day of the hearing, the order in which they will be called, and the order of cross-examination for each witness. The list of issues should be detailed enough to inform the Commission of each issue that must be resolved. The Commission will view any issue not contained in this list of issues as uncontested and not requiring resolution by the Commission.

(C) Each party shall file a simple and concise statement summarizing its position on each disputed issue.

(D) All pleadings, briefs, and amendments shall be filed in accordance with Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.080. Briefs shall follow the same list of issues as filed in the case and must set forth and cite the proper portions of the record concerning the remaining unresolved issues that are to be decided by the Commission.

(E) All parties shall bring an adequate number of copies of exhibits that they intend to offer into evidence at the hearing. If an exhibit has not been prefiled, the party offering it must bring, in addition to the copy for the court reporter, copies for the five Commissioners, the Presiding Judge, and all counsel.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. The following procedural schedule is established:

Direct Testimony by Laclede

- September 16, 2008

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| Rebuttal Testimony by Staff & Public Counsel | - October 23, 2008 |
| Surrebuttal Testimony by All Parties | - November 20, 2008 |
| List of Issues, Statements of Position Order of Witnesses, Order of Cross-Examination, Order of Opening | - December 2, 2008 |
| Hearing | - December 8 & 9, 2008, beginning at 8:30 a.m. |

2. The parties shall comply with the procedural requirements set forth in the body of this order.

3. All parties shall provide objections and answers to data requests on the following schedule: after the filing of direct testimony, objections shall be made within five business days of receipt, and answers shall be due within ten business days of receipt; after the filing of surrebuttal testimony, objections shall be made within two business days of receipt, and answers shall be due within five business days of receipt.

4. The hearing will be held at the Commission's office at the Governor Office Building, Room 305, 200 Madison Street, Jefferson City, Missouri. This building meets accessibility standards required by the Americans with Disabilities Act. If you need additional accommodations to participate in this hearing, please call the Public Service Commission's Hotline at 1-800-392-4211 (voice) or Relay Missouri at 711 before the hearing.

5. The tariff sheets issued on July 9, 2008, by Laclede Gas Company, and assigned Tariff No. JG-2009-0033, previously suspended until December 6, 2008, are further suspended until June 6, 2009, or until otherwise ordered by this Commission. The tariff sheets suspended are:

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Thirteenth Revised Sheet No. 21, Cancelling Twelfth Revised Sheet No. 21
Sixteenth Revised Sheet No. 22, Cancelling Fifteenth Revised Sheet No. 22
Ninth Revised Sheet No. 23, Cancelling Eighth Revised Sheet No. 23
First Revised Sheet No. R-36-c, Cancelling Original Sheet No. R-36-c

6. This order shall become effective immediately upon issuance.

BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Colleen M. Dale', written over a horizontal line.

Colleen M. Dale
Secretary

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

Woodruff, Deputy Chief Regulatory Law Judge