STATE OF MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

At a session of the Public Service Commission held at its office in Jefferson City on the 5th 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)

<u>Case No. GT-2009-0026</u> Tariff No. JG-2009-0033

ORDER SUSPENDING TARIFF AND SCHEDULING A PREHEARING CONFERENCE

Issue Date: August 5, 2008 Effective Date: August 8, 2008

On July 17, 2008, the Office of the Public Counsel filed a motion asking the Commission to suspend a tariff filed by Laclede Gas Company. Laclede's tariff would implement some provisions of the Commission's Cold Weather Rule early, and would allow Laclede to recover the gas cost portion of its bad debt expense through its PGA clause. Public Counsel requests an evidentiary hearing regarding Laclede's tariff. On July 22, the Staff of the Commission filed its own Motion to reject or suspend Laclede's tariff. Laclede responded to Staff and Public Counsel's motions on July 28.

Laclede's tariff carries an August 8 effective date. So the Commission will have sufficient time to consider the arguments of the parties, the tariff will be suspended for 120 days. The Commission will schedule a prehearing conference so the parties can discuss how to proceed to resolve this dispute.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. The tariff sheets issued on July 9, 2008, by Laclede Gas Company, and

assigned Tariff No. JG-2009-0033, are suspended for a period of 120 days beyond August 8, 2008, to December 6, 2008, 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

- 2. A prehearing conference is scheduled for August 21, 2008, at 2:00 p.m., at the Commission's office at the Governor Office Building, 200 Madison Street, Jefferson City, Missouri, Room 305. This building meets accessibility standards required by the Americans with Disabilities Act. If you need additional accommodations to participate in this conference, please call the Public Service Commission's Hotline at 1-800-392-4211 (voice) or Relay Missouri at 711 before the conference.
 - 3. This order shall become effective on August 8, 2008.

BY THE COMMISSION

Colleen M. Dale Secretary

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

Woodruff, Deputy Chief Regulatory Law Judge