

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of Class Action Claims by Missouri
Natural Gas Local Distribution Companies in the
NYMEX Natural Gas Lawsuit

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Case No. GO-2006-0449

ORDER DIRECTING FILING
AND CLOSING CASE

Issue Date: August 21, 2006

Effective Date: August 31, 2006

On August 18, 2003, a class of traders of New York Mercantile Exchange "NYMEX" natural gas futures and options contracts filed a class action lawsuit in the Southern District of New York asserting manipulation of prices of those futures and options contracts. That court has preliminarily approved a settlement of the lawsuit that would apply to all members of the class who have not already filed for exclusion.

Certain Natural Gas Local Distribution Companies ("LDCs") regulated by the Commission may have engaged in trades at the NYMEX and be entitled to a distribution from the settlement through very little effort. The Commission required each LDC to show cause why it should not be required to file a claim seeking distribution from the settlement.

Only Laclede Gas Company determined that it might qualify as a claimant and notified the Commission that it would present a claim.

Therefore, the Commission will require Laclede to immediately notify the Commission of any proceeds that it receives as a result of the class action settlement.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. Laclede Gas Company is directed to notify the Commission if any proceeds are received by the company as a result of the class action settlement.
2. This order shall become effective on August 31, 2006.
3. This case may be closed on September 1, 2006.

BY THE COMMISSION



Colleen M. Dale
Secretary

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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 21st day of August, 2006.