BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In The Matter of the Revised Tariff Sheets for the Laclede Gas and Missouri Gas Energy Operating Units of Laclede Gas Company

File No. GT-2016-0026

ORDER DIRECTING RESPONSE

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Issue Date: August 19, 2016

Effective Date: August 19, 2015

On August 5, 2015, the Commission's Staff filed a motion asking the Commission to reject three tariffs filed by Laclede Gas Company on July 21. Those tariffs carry a September 8 effective date. Laclede responded in opposition to Staff's motion on August 12.

The Commission notes that Staff's motion says that "due to the press of other business, the relevant technical Staff has not determined whether the substance of the proposed revised tariffs is acceptable or objectionable on additional bases other than the basis that the changes cannot be made outside of a general rate case." Before deciding how to proceed, the Commission wants to know the results of the relevant technical Staff's review of the tariffs. In addition, the Commission wants to know Staff's reply to the legal arguments raised by Laclede in its response to Staff's motion. Therefore, the Commission will direct its Staff to reply to Laclede's response

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The Commission's Staff shall reply to Laclede Gas Company's Response in Opposition to Staff's Motion to Reject Tariff Sheets no later than August 24, 2015. In

that response, Staff shall indicate whether the substance of the proposed revised tariffs is acceptable or objectionable based on review of the tariffs by relevant technical Staff.

2. This order shall be effective when issued.

BY THE COMMISSION



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Morris L. Woodruff Secretary

Morris L. Woodruff, Chief Regulatory Law Judge, by delegation of authority pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri, on this 19th day of August, 2015.