

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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 ESTABLISHING TIME FOR LACLEDE TO RESPOND TO **MOTION TO REJECT TARIFF**

Issue Date: October 31, 2008

Effective Date: October 31, 2008

On October 20, 2008, the Commission's Staff filed a motion asking the Commission to summarily reject a tariff that would allow Laclede Gas Company to recover bad debt expenses through its PGA clause. Staff supplemented that motion on October 22, when it filed suggestions in support of its motion. Public Counsel filed a response to Staff motion on October 30 that supported and expanded upon Staff's motion.


Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.080(15) allows parties not more than ten days to respond to any pleading unless otherwise ordered by the Commission. Ten days after Staff filed its suggestions in support of its motion is Saturday, November 1, meaning Laclede's response to that motion would be due Monday, November 3. Ten days after Public Counsel filed its response would be Sunday, November 9, meaning Laclede's reply to Public Counsel's response would be due Monday, November 10. On October 30, Laclede filed a motion asking that it be allowed until November 10 to file a single response to Staff's motion and Public Counsel's response.

Laclede's motion is reasonable in that it will allow Laclede to file a single response to the related arguments of Staff and Public Counsel. However, the Commission wishes to rule upon the motion to reject Laclede's tariff promptly so that the parties will know whether they need to continue to prepare for a hearing. Therefore, the Commission will direct Laclede to respond to both Staff's motion and Public Counsel's response by November 5.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. Laclede Gas Company is allowed until November 5, 2008, to respond to Staff's Motion to Reject Tariff and to Public Counsel's response in support of Staff's motion.
2. This order shall become effective immediately upon issuance.

BY THE COMMISSION



Colleen M. Dale
Secretary

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

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 31st day of October, 2008.