

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

In the Matter of Laclede Gas Company's Tariff Revision)	
Designed to Clarify Its Liability for Damages Occurring)	<u>Case No. GT-2009-0056</u>
on Customer Piping and Equipment.)	Tariff No. JG-2009-0145

ORDER SETTING PREHEARING CONFERENCE

Issue Date: December 10, 2008

Effective Date: December 10, 2008

On August 22, 2008, Laclede Gas Company filed tariff revisions designed to clarify its liability for damages occurring on customer piping and equipment beyond the Company's meter. The revisions, assigned Tariff No. JG-2009-0145, carried an effective date of December 22, 2008. On December 10, 2008, Laclede extended the effective date to March 22, 2009.

In the intervening three months, the Staff of the Commission and Laclede have discussed the proposed tariff language but have been unable to reach agreement. On November 19, 2008, Staff filed a recommendation to suspend the tariff's effective date and schedule a prehearing conference. Laclede responded to Staff's recommendation on December 1, 2008. Laclede states that while it disagrees with various aspects of Staff's analysis of the tariff's alleged shortcomings, it appreciates the principles Staff espouses and its goal of reaching a proper balance between the responsibilities of the Company and its customers. Laclede joins in Staff's request that a prehearing conference be set.

The Commission has considered Staff's recommendation and Laclede's response, and will schedule a prehearing conference for the parties to either negotiate

mutually agreeable tariff language or develop a proposed procedural schedule to move this case forward.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. A prehearing conference in this matter will be held on December 16, 2008, beginning at 10:00 a.m., in Room 305 of the Governor Office Building, 200 Madison Street, Jefferson City, Missouri. The Governor Office Building meets accessibility standards required by the Americans with Disabilities Act. Anyone needing additional accommodations to participate in the prehearing conference should call the Public Service Commission's Hotline at 1-800-392-4211 (voice) or Relay Missouri at 711 prior to the conference.
2. No later than December 31, 2008, the parties shall file either a status report or a proposed procedural schedule.
3. This order shall become effective upon issuance.

BY THE COMMISSION



Colleen M. Dale
Secretary

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Nancy Dippell, Deputy Chief Regulatory
Law Judge, by delegation of authority
pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 10th day of December, 2008.