

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

In the Matter of the Verified Application and Petition)	
of Laclede Gas Company to Change its Infrastructure)	<u>Case No. GO-2009-0221</u>
System Replacement Surcharge.)	Tariff No. YG-2009-0534

ORDER DIRECTING FILING

Issue Date: January 27, 2009

Effective Date: January 27, 2009

On January 21, 2009, Laclede Gas Company filed a Response to Staff Recommendation and Motion for Expedited Treatment. Along with the pleading, Laclede filed an additional tariff in this matter purporting to show rates that comply with Attachment B to the Staff Recommendation. Laclede requests that the Commission approve these rates and the proposed compliance tariff to become effective no later than February 4, 2009.

On January 26, 2009, the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission and the Office of the Public Counsel each filed responses to Laclede's motion. Laclede filed a further response on January 27, 2009.

Staff indicated that it did not oppose the motion for expedited treatment but went on to express concerns about the motion's compliance with the Commission's rule regarding motions for expedited treatment. Staff's pleading did not specifically state whether the tariffs filed on January 21, 2009, were in compliance with the recommendations Staff had made.

Public Counsel stated that it had not had sufficient time to review the recommendations of Staff or the tariffs submitted by Laclede. Public Counsel indicated that

it would need at least ten days in which to respond to those items. Public Counsel also expressed concerns with whether the motion for expedited treatment met the requirements of the Commission's rules.

Following a Commission discussion of the case in the Commission's regularly scheduled Agenda, Deputy Chief Regulatory Law Judge Dippell was contacted by the parties regarding the procedural scheduling of this case. During the telephone conversation, it was represented to Judge Dippell that Public Counsel could file its recommendation in this matter by Friday, January 30, 2009, so that the Commission might be able to address this matter on its next Agenda.

Therefore, the Commission shall direct Public Counsel to file its recommendation in this matter as set out below. In addition, the Commission shall direct its Staff to specifically state, after reviewing the January 21, 2009 tariff filing, whether the tariff complies with Staff's recommendations in this matter.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The Office of the Public Counsel shall file a recommendation regarding the tariff filed on January 21, 2009, no later than January 30, 2009.
2. No later than January 30, 2009, the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission shall file a specific recommendation stating whether the January 21, 2009 tariff complies with the Staff's earlier recommendations.

3. This order shall become effective upon issuance.

BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Colleen M. Dale', written over a horizontal line.

Colleen M. Dale
Secretary

(S E A L)

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 27th day of January, 2009.