

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

In the Matter of Laclede Gas	)	
Company's Purchased Gas	)	<b><u>Case No. GR-2007-0179</u></b>
Adjustment Tariff Filing	)	Tariff No. JG-2007-0317

**ORDER APPROVING INTERIM RATES**

Issue Date: November 9, 2006

Effective Date: November 20, 2006

On November 3, 2006, Laclede Gas Company filed a proposed tariff sheet setting interim rates. This PGA filing reflects changes to Laclede's PGA factors as the result of an estimated change in the cost of natural gas for the upcoming winter season and changes in the Actual Cost Adjustment (ACA) factor. This filing reflects the former Fidelity Natural Gas Company's PGA filing. The Missouri Public Service Commission approved Laclede's ownership of Fidelity effective on February 28, 2006.

The proposed PGA rate of \$0.8499 per Ccf reflects a decrease of \$0.3484 per Ccf over the PGA Rate currently in effect of \$1.1983

The Commission's Staff filed its Memorandum and Recommendation on November 7, 2006. In its Memorandum and Recommendation, Staff supports the proposed rate decrease, and supports Commission approval and incorporation of the reduction in rates as expeditiously as possible, in that any rate change at this time is subject to true-up in the ACA process. Staff notes that, because Laclede's PGA clause allows for PGA change filings to take affect on ten days' notice, good cause has been shown pursuant to Section 393.140(11), RSMo 2000, to permit the tariff to become effective on less than 30 days' notice. Staff recommends that the rates be approved on

an interim basis, subject to refund.

Staff also recommends the Commission grant all other relief requested by the Procurement Analysis Department in Staff's Recommendation Memorandum of the November 7, 2006 Staff Recommendation. Relief requested includes permission for Staff to submit its results and recommendation regarding the information included in this ACA filing to the Commission on or before December 31, 2007.

The Commission has reviewed the proposed tariff sheet and Staff's Memorandum and Recommendation. After considering Staff's recommendation, and for good cause shown pursuant to Section 393.140(11), RSMo 2000, the Commission concludes that the proposed tariff sheet should be approved to become effective on November 20, 2006, on an interim basis, subject to refund.

**IT IS ORDERED THAT:**

1. The proposed tariff sheet filed on November 3, 2006, by Laclede Gas Company is approved on an interim basis, subject to refund. The specific tariff sheet approved is:

**P.S.C. MO. No. 1**

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**19th Revised Sheet No. 29, Canceling 18th Revised Sheet No. 29**

2. The Staff of the Commission shall file its results and recommendation regarding information included in the ACA filing on or before December 31, 2007.

3. This order shall become effective on November 20, 2006.

**BY THE COMMISSION**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Colleen M. Dale', written in a cursive style.

Colleen M. Dale  
Secretary

(SEAL)

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 9<sup>th</sup> day of November 2006.