

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

In the Matter of Laclede Gas Company's)
2008 PGA Filing.)

Case No. GR-2008-0387
JG-2008-0724

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff) and for its Recommendation, states as follows:

1. On June 5, 2008, Laclede Gas Company (Laclede or Company) filed a proposed tariff sheet bearing an effective date of June 19, 2008. This tariff sheet was filed to reflect changes in Laclede's Purchased Gas Adjustment (PGA) factors as a result of estimated changes in the cost of natural gas for the current 2008 summer season. The above-captioned case was established to track the company's PGA factors to be reviewed in its 2007-2008 Actual Cost Adjustment (ACA) filing. Case No.'s GR-2005-0203, GR-2006-0288, and GR-2008-0140 were established to track the Company's PGA factors to be reviewed in its 2004-2005, 2005-2006, and 2006-2007 ACA filings, respectively.

2. For reasons explained in Staff's Memorandum, attached hereto as Appendix A and incorporated by reference, the PGA factor rate change should be approved on an interim, subject to refund status, pending final Commission decisions in ACA Case Nos. GR-2005-0203, GR-2006-0288, GR-2008-0140, and GR-2008-0387.

3. Staff believes good cause exists for approval of this tariff sheet on less than thirty days notice because Laclede's Commission-approved PGA clause allows for ten business days notice for PGA change filings.

WHEREFORE, for the reasons stated in Staff's Memorandum, the Staff respectfully requests the Commission issue an order approving Laclede's tariff in file no. JG-2008-0724, on an interim subject to refund basis.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/Robert S. Berlin

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I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand-delivered, or transmitted by facsimile or electronic mail to all counsel of record this 13th day of June 2008.

/s/ Robert S. Berlin

MEMORANDUM

TO: Missouri Public Service Commission Official Case File,
Case No. GR-2008-0387, File No. JG-2008-0724
Laclede Gas Company

FROM: Thomas Imhoff, Energy Department – Tariffs/Rate Design

<u>/s/ Thomas Imhoff 06/13/08</u>	<u>/s/ Bob Berlin 06/13/08</u>
Utility Operations Division/Date	General Counsel's Office/Date

SUBJECT: Staff Recommendation for Laclede Gas Company's Optional PGA Filing - Effective June 19, 2008

DATE: June 11, 2008

On June 5, 2008, Laclede Gas Company (Laclede or Company), of St. Louis, Missouri, filed a tariff sheet requesting an effective date of June 19, 2008. This tariff sheet was filed to reflect changes in Laclede's Purchased Gas Adjustment (PGA) factors as a result of estimated changes in the cost of natural gas for the current summer season.

This filing will increase the firm PGA factor from the current PGA rate from \$0.85453 per therm to a proposed rate of \$1.06994 per therm. This reflects an increase of \$0.21541 per therm.

Case No. GR-2008-0387, under which these changes were filed, was established to track the Company's PGA factors to be reviewed in its 2007-2008 ACA filing. Case Nos. GR-2005-0203, GR-2006-0288 and GR-2008-0140 were established to track the Company's PGA factors to be reviewed in its 2004-2005, 2005-2006 and 2006-2007 ACA filings, respectively. This rate change should be on an interim, subject to refund status pending final Commission decisions in ACA Case Nos. GR-2005-0203, GR-2006-0288, GR-2008-0140 and GR-2008-0387.

Staff has verified that this company has filed its annual report and is not delinquent on any of its assessment. Staff is not aware of any other matter before the Commission that affects or is affected by this filing.

The Staff has reviewed this PGA filing and has determined that it was calculated in conformance with Laclede's PGA Clause. Staff is of the opinion that good cause for approval of this tariff sheet on less than thirty days notice is demonstrated by Laclede's Commission approved PGA clause allowing for ten (10) business days notice for PGA change filings. Therefore, Staff recommends that the following tariff sheet, filed on June 5, 2008, be approved, interim subject to refund:

P.S.C. MO. No. 5 Consolidated

Two hundred and Twelfth Revised Sheet No. 29, CANCELLING Two Hundred and Eleventh Revised Sheet No. 29

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AFFIDAVIT OF THOMAS M. IMHOFF

STATE OF MISSOURI)
) ss:
COUNTY OF COLE)

Thomas M. Imhoff, employee of the Missouri Public Service Commission, being of lawful age and after being duly sworn, states that he has participated in preparing the accompanying Staff Recommendation, and that the facts therein are true and correct to the best of his knowledge and belief.

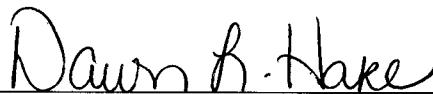


THOMAS M. IMHOFF

Subscribed and affirmed before me this 13TH day of June 2008 .



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My Commission Expires
March 16, 2009
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