

**LACLEDE GAS COMPANY  
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December 30, 2004

**VIA EFIS**

Mr. Dale Hardy Roberts  
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge  
Missouri Public Service Commission  
Governor Office Building  
200 Madison Street  
Jefferson City, MO 65101

Dear Mr. Roberts:

Enclosed herewith for filing with the Missouri Public Service Commission is a revised tariff sheet, P.S.C. MO. No. 5 Consolidated, Two Hundred and Third Revised Sheet No. 29, which is applicable to both divisions of Laclede Gas Company ("Company"). This revised tariff sheet, which has an issue date of December 30, 2004, and an effective date of January 13, 2005, is filed in accordance with Sheet Nos. 15 through 28-g of the Company's tariff and reflects the scheduled January Purchased Gas Adjustment ("PGA") for the Company's natural gas customers. Such sheet also reflects a revised Purchased L.P. Gas Adjustment for the Company's subdivision propane customers.

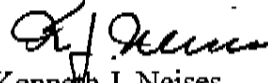
As a result of this filing, the Company's underlying charge for gas for firm sales customers will decrease from \$.82923 per therm to \$.70996 per therm primarily due to the decline in wholesale natural gas prices that has occurred since the Company established the PGA factors that became effective in November 2004.

As provided by the Company's tariff, the revised natural gas Current PGA factors do not apply to the Company's Large Volume Transportation and Sales Service ("LVTSS") and Vehicular Fuel ("VF") customers. Unlike the Current PGA for all other customers, the Current PGA for LVTSS and VF customers is revised on a monthly basis by means of the notification procedure specifically provided by Section A.5. of the Company's PGA clause.

The natural gas PGA rates provided herein will decrease the average monthly natural gas bill of the typical residential heating customer by approximately \$25, assuming normal weather, for the two months of January and February during which the new rates will be in effect. Such rates will remain in effect until the Company's next scheduled PGA change becomes effective during March 2005, at which time the Company's rates may be adjusted downward or upward depending on market conditions at that time.

The new L.P. Current PGA factor reflects the average price of L.P. gas purchased by the Company for delivery in November and December 2004.

Sincerely,



Kenneth J. Neises  
Executive Vice President  
Energy & Administrative Services

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Enclosures

cc: Office of the Public Counsel

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Laclede Gas Company

For

Refer to Sheet No. 1

Name of Issuing Corporation or Municipality

Community, Town or City

**SCHEDULE OF RATES**

**PURCHASED GAS ADJUSTMENT CLAUSE**

Adjustment Statement

In accordance with the Company's Purchased Gas Adjustment Clause contained in Sheet Nos. 15 through 28-g, inclusive and the Company's Purchased L.P. Gas Adjustment Clause contained on Sheet No. 8, the following adjustments per therm or per gallon, where applicable, will become effective on and after the effective date of this tariff.

<u>Sales Classification</u>	<u>Current PGA</u>	<u>ACA</u>	<u>UACA</u>	<u>Refund</u>	<u>Total Adjustment</u>
<b>Residential:</b>					
Block 1	49.304¢	2.314¢	(0.000¢)	(0.000¢)	51.618¢
Block 2	84.372¢	2.314¢	(0.000¢)	(0.000¢)	86.686¢
<b>Commercial &amp; Industrial</b>					
Class I - Block 1	43.671¢	2.314¢	(0.000¢)	(0.000¢)	45.985¢
Class I - Block 2	82.946¢	2.314¢	(0.000¢)	(0.000¢)	85.260¢
Class II - Block 1	54.236¢	2.314¢	(0.000¢)	(0.000¢)	56.550¢
Class II - Block 2	82.946¢	2.314¢	(0.000¢)	(0.000¢)	85.260¢
Class III - Block 1	55.089¢	2.314¢	(0.000¢)	(0.000¢)	57.403¢
Class III - Block 2	82.946¢	2.314¢	(0.000¢)	(0.000¢)	85.260¢
LVTSS	*	14.753¢	0.000¢	(0.000¢)	*
VF	*	5.000¢	0.000¢	(0.000¢)	*
Other & Unblocked Firm	68.682¢	2.314¢	(0.000¢)	(0.000¢)	70.996¢
Seasonal & Interruptible	58.884¢	(0.070¢)	0.000¢	(0.000¢)	58.814¢
L.P. Gas	118.375¢	2.792¢	-	-	121.167¢

Residential sales are rendered under Residential General Service (Sheet No. 2)

Commercial & Industrial sales are rendered under Commercial & Industrial General Service (Sheet Nos. 3, 3-a and 3-b)

LVTSS sales are rendered under the Large Volume Transportation and Sales Service Rate (Sheet No. 34).

VF sales are rendered under the Vehicular Fuel Rate (Sheet No. 11).

Other Firm sales are rendered under the Large Volume Service Rate (Sheet No. 5) and the Unmetered Gas Light Service Rate (Sheet No. 9).

Seasonal and Interruptible sales are rendered under the Residential Seasonal Air Conditioning Service Rate (Sheet No. 4), the Commercial & Industrial Seasonal Service Rate (Sheet No. 4-a) and the Interruptible Service Rate (Sheet No. 7).

L.P. Gas sales are rendered under the General L.P. Gas Service Rate (Sheet No. 8).

\* Revised each month in accordance with Section A.5 of the PGA clause.

Additional Transportation Charges, ACA Factors and Refunds

<u>Customer Groups</u>	<u>TOP</u>	<u>Capacity Reservation</u>	<u>Other Non-Commodity</u>	<u>ACA</u>	<u>Refund</u>
Firm	-	5.632¢	-	0.802¢	0.000¢
Basic - Firm Sales	-	-	-	0.000¢	0.000¢
Prior to 11/15/89	-	-	-	-	-
Basic - Other	-	-	-	0.000¢	(0.000¢)

DATE OF ISSUE

December 30, 2004

DATE EFFECTIVE

January 13, 2005

Month Day Year

Month Day Year

ISSUED BY

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Title

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