

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

In the Matter of the Proposed Change to Laclede)
Gas Company’s General Rule and Regulations) Case No. G_-2017-0____
Fifth Revised Tariff Sheet No. R-13) Tariff File No. _____

**LACLEDE GAS COMPANY’S MOTION
FOR EXPEDITED TREATMENT**

COMES NOW Laclede Gas Company (“Laclede Gas” or “Company”), pursuant to Rule 4 CSR 240-2.080 (14), and respectfully requests that the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Commission”) grant expedited approval of a revised tariff filed on this same date to eliminate service initiation and/or reconnection fees for customers who lost natural gas service due to property damage incurred as a result of the recent flooding in the Company’s service territory. In support thereof, Laclede Gas states as follows:

1. During the months of April and May 2017, approximately 600 Laclede Gas customers lost natural gas service as a result of extreme flooding in the St. Louis metropolitan and Poplar Bluff areas of its service territory. The Company and its employees have worked diligently to restore service to customers as soon as conditions permitted and have joined with others in the community to provide financial assistance to those customers who suffered significant losses. Because of the severity of the flooding and resulting property damage, however, it was a week or more before some customers could have their service restored. Moreover, there are still approximately 110 customers within the Company’s service territory who remain out of service due to the scope of property damage they experienced as a result of the flooding.

2. To ensure that these customers are not additionally burdened by connection and reconnection charges that might otherwise be applicable, the Company has filed on this same date P.S.C. MO. No. 5 Consolidated, Fifth Revised Sheet No. R-13 (the “Revised Tariff Sheet”). The purpose of the Revised Tariff is to clarify that neither a service initiation fee nor a

reconnection charge shall be applied to customers who have natural gas service restored within a year of losing such service due to property damage resulting from flooding occurring within the Company's service territory during April and May of 2017.

3. Laclede Gas submits that harm will be avoided by expedited approval of the Revised Tariff Sheet since it will provide a modest measure of economic relief to customers who are already experiencing a financial hardship as a result of the recent flooding. At the same time, there will be no negative impact on other customers or the general public if the Commission grants such relief since Laclede Gas alone will bear the loss of any revenue foregone as a result of not applying these charges. For all of these reasons, Laclede Gas submits that there is good cause for the Commission to approve the proposed tariff as soon as reasonably practical but no later than June 14, 2017.

4. This pleading was filed as soon as it could have been following the Company's most recent assessment of the impact of the flooding on its customers.

5. Staff and the Office of the Public Counsel have indicated that they have no objection to the relief sought herein, subject to Staff's final review of the tariff filed today.

WHEREFORE, for all the foregoing reasons, Laclede Gas Company respectfully requests that Commission consider and grant this Motion for Expedited Treatment and approve the Revised Tariff Sheet as soon as reasonably practical but no later than June 14, 2017.

Respectfully Submitted,

LACLEDE GAS COMPANY

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I hereby certify that copies of the above and foregoing document were sent by electronic mail on this 25th day of May, 2017 to counsel of record.

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