

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

In the Matter of Laclede Gas Company's)
Tariff Filing to Allow Estimated Billing)
Whenever an Automatic Meter Reader)
Fails to Send Readings of Actual Usage.)

Case No. GT-2008-0374
Tariff No. YG-2008-0690

RECOMMENDATION TO SUSPEND TARIFF AND SET HEARING DATE

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission) and on behalf of the Parties, states as follows:

1. On May 19, 2008, Laclede filed a proposed tariff with an effective date of September 16, 2008.

2. On August 22, 2008, the Staff filed, on behalf of the parties, a Response to Order Directing Filing. In this Response the parties proposed to file either an agreement or a procedural schedule not later than August 28, 2008. As of this date, the parties have not been able to come to a full resolution of the issues in this matter, though the parties are continuing their discussions.

2. Accordingly, the parties recommend the Commission suspend the tariff and schedule this matter for evidentiary hearing during the week of January 12, 2009, with preferred hearing dates of January 13 – 14, 2009. In addition, the parties propose to file a proposed procedural schedule on September 5, 2008 that will culminate in the aforesated hearing.

WHEREFORE, on behalf of the parties the Staff prays the Commission suspend the tariff, set this matter for hearing January 13-14, 2009, and direct the parties to file a more detailed proposed procedural schedule not later than September 5, 2008.

Respectfully submitted,

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