

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

In the Matter of Laclede Gas                    )  
Company's Filing of Revised Tariffs)                    )  
to Increase its Annual Revenues            )            **Case No. GR-2013-0171**  
for Natural Gas                                    )

**MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES'  
APPLICATION TO INTERVENE**

COMES NOW Missouri Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) and, pursuant to Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.075, respectfully requests that the Commission issue its order granting MDNR's Application to Intervene. For its Application, MDNR states as follows:

1. On December 21, 2012, Laclede Gas Company (Laclede) submitted a tariff designed to implement a general rate increase for natural gas service with the Missouri Public Service Commission. The Commission issued an *Order Directing Notice, Suspending Tariff, Setting Hearings, and Directing Filings* on December 27, 2012. In its December 27, 2012 Order, the Commission established an intervention deadline of January 14, 2013 and scheduled a January 28, 2013 prehearing conference.

2. MDNR, and specifically its Division of Energy, is a state agency vested with the powers and duties set forth in § 640.150 RSMo.

3. MDNR has an interest different than that of the general public, and its intervention will serve a public interest in that the Division of Energy will be looking at the proposed filing from a formal policy and planning perspective as well as looking at the potential impacts on environmental quality. The Division of Energy's review also will be in relation to the mandate set forth in § 640.150 RSMo. which includes planning for energy resource development; analyzing energy management issues; consulting and cooperating with all state and federal governmental agencies on matters of energy research and development, management, conservation and distribution; assessing the potential impacts on environmental quality; and analyzing the potential for increased use of energy alternatives and making recommendations for the expanded use of such alternate energy sources and technologies.

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5. MDNR is uncertain at this time of the position it will take regarding the relief sought by Laclede in this case.

WHEREFORE, the Missouri Department of Natural Resources respectfully requests that it be allowed to intervene in the above-styled matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been served electronically on all counsel of record this 10th day of January, 2013.

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