

**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. _____
Fourth 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 last week of 2015 and the first week of 2016, over 500 Laclede Gas customers lost natural gas service as a result of extreme flooding in the St. Louis metropolitan area and surrounding counties. 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 150 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, Fourth 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 the last week of 2015 and the first week of 2016.

3. Laclede Gas submits that harm will be avoided by expedited approval of the Revised Tariff Sheet since it will be provided 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 January 20, 2016.

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. Counsel for 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 January 20, 2016

Respectfully Submitted,

LACLEDE GAS COMPANY

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Laclede Gas Company

Name of Issuing Corporation or Municipality

For

Refer to Sheet No. R-1

Community, Town or City

RULES AND REGULATIONS

15. Reconnection of Service.

A. If the service shall have been discontinued for any of the reasons set forth in these rules and regulations the following conditions shall be complied with and a reconnection charge shall be paid before restoration of service:

- (a) The violation of the rules and regulations must be corrected.
- (b) Full payment or satisfactory arrangements for the payment of all bills for service at present or previous locations then due must be made.
- (c) A satisfactory guarantee of payment of all future bills shall be furnished.
- (d) Any dangerous condition must be corrected.
- (e) All bills for service due, including estimated amount due Company by reasons of fraudulent use or tampering must be paid.

At all times, a reasonable effort shall be made to restore service upon the day restoration is requested, and in any event, restoration shall be made not later than the next working day following the day requested by the customer.

B. When reconnection of service is requested by the same customer on the same premises within 12 months after service has been discontinued at the request of such customer, a reconnection charge shall be made.

C. Neither a service initiation fee nor a reconnection charge shall be applied to customers restoring natural gas service within a year of losing such service due to property damage resulting from flooding occurring within the Company's service territory during the last week of 2015 and the first week of 2016.

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Month Day Year

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