

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Missouri Public Service Commission Official Case File, GT-2007-0141  
File No. YG-2007-0216, Laclede Gas Company

FROM: Thomas M Imhoff, Energy Department – Tariffs/Rate Design

/s/Thomas M. Imhoff 10/19/06      /s/Robert Franson 10/19/06  
Energy Department/Date      General Counsel's Office/Date

SUBJECT: Staff Recommendation On Laclede Gas Company's Tariff Sheets Filed to Conform To Modifications Made To The Cold Weather Rule in GX-2006-0434, to Implement Cold Weather Rule Amendments authorized by the Commission.

DATE: October 18, 2006

On September 29, 2006, Laclede Gas Company (Laclede or Company) of St. Louis, Missouri filed tariff sheets to incorporate modifications made to the Cold Weather Rule (CWR). The proposed changes to these tariff sheets also implement a tariff describing the amount of payment a customer must make on preexisting arrears in order to have service restored.

Laclede's tariff filing is intended to bring the tariff into compliance with the changes agreed to in the Missouri Public Service Commission's CWR Case No. GX-2006-0434. Laclede's filing incorporates CWR tariff language that is consistent with language currently reflected in Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-13.055. The tariff will allow a customer to reconnect for 50% or \$500 of the preexisting arrears, whichever is less. Any reconnection fee, trip fee, collection fee or other related fees related to the reconnection will be deferred. Customers who are not disconnected or have received a disconnect notice shall be enrolled immediately in Laclede's Budget Billing Plan upon request. The customer entering into a CWR payment plan will not have any late payment fees assessed, unless payment is not made pursuant to the agreement, and interest will not be accrued on the account for the deferral period. Customers who fully comply with their CWR payment arrangements shall be treated as if they had never defaulted on any CWR payment agreement on a going forward basis. Laclede shall be permitted to recover the costs of complying with the Commission's CWR, 4 CSR 240-13.055.

The Commission's Energy Department – Tariffs/Rate Design Staff (Staff) has reviewed this tariff filing and recommends approval of Laclede's request. Staff has confirmed that the Company is not delinquent on any assessment and has filed its annual report. Staff is unaware of any issue currently pending before the Commission that affects or is affected by this filing.

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Staff recommends approval of the following tariff sheets, as filed on September 29, 2006, with a proposed effective date of October 30, 2006:

P.S.C. MO. No.5 Consolidated

First Revised Sheet No. R-36-b, Cancelling Original Sheet No. R-36-b

Original Sheet No. R-36-c

Original Sheet No. R-36-d

My commission expires 9-21-10