

**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            ) **Case No. GT-2008-0374**  
Meter Reader Fails to Send Readings of Actual Usage.    ) **Tariff No. YG-2008-0690**

**ORDER ADOPTING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE**

Issue Date: September 26, 2008

Effective Date: September 26, 2008

On September 3, 2008, the Commission suspended the tariff revision filed by Laclede Gas Company ("Laclede") in this case until March 16, 2009, reserved hearing dates, and directed the parties to file a proposed procedural schedule. On September 16, 2008, the Staff of the Commission ("Staff") filed a proposed schedule on behalf of itself, Laclede, and the Office of the Public Counsel ("Public Counsel"). The Commission has considered the proposed procedural schedule and will adopt it. The following conditions shall apply:

(A) Testimony shall be prefiled as defined in Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.130. All parties must comply with this rule, including the requirement that testimony be filed on line-numbered pages.

(B) The parties shall agree upon and Staff shall file a list of the issues to be heard, the witnesses to appear on each day of the hearing, the order in which they will be called, and the order of cross-examination for each witness. The list of issues should be detailed enough to inform the Commission of each issue that must be resolved. The Commission will view any issue not contained in this list of issues as uncontested and not

requiring resolution by the Commission. The Commission notes that the parties' framing of the issues may not accurately reflect the material issues to this matter under the applicable statutes and rules, and it may not include all issues that the Commission finds material to its final decision. The Commission further notes that as an ancillary issue to any case before the Commission, the Commission will always hear evidence as to the provision of safe and adequate service. Should the Commission find that evidence exists of unsafe or inadequate service, it may elect to authorize its General Counsel to pursue a complaint action or to seek penalties for any established violations of state statutes, Commission rules, or the company's tariffs.

(C) Each party shall file a simple and concise statement summarizing its position on each disputed issue.

(D) All pleadings, briefs, and amendments shall be filed in accordance with Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.080. Briefs shall follow the same list of issues as filed in the case and must set forth and cite the proper portions of the record concerning the remaining unresolved issues that are to be decided by the Commission.

(E) All parties shall bring an adequate number of copies of exhibits that they intend to offer into evidence at the hearing. If an exhibit has not been prefiled, the party offering it must bring, in addition to the copy for the court reporter, copies for the five Commissioners, the Presiding Judge, and all counsel.

**THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:**

1. The following procedural schedule is adopted:

Direct testimony, Laclede	October 16, 2008
Rebuttal testimony, Staff and Public Counsel	November 18, 2008

Surrebuttal testimony, all parties

December 15, 2008

Joint issues list, statements of  
position, and order of witnesses  
and cross-examination

January 6, 2009

Hearing

January 13-14, 2009  
10:00 a.m. (first day)

The hearing shall be held in Room 310 of the Governor Office Building, 200 Madison Street, Jefferson City, Missouri. The Governor Office Building meets accessibility standards required by the Americans with Disabilities Act. Anyone needing additional accommodations to participate is requested to call the Public Service Commission's Hotline at 1-800-392-4211 (voice) or Relay Missouri at 711 prior to the hearing.

2. This order shall become effective upon issuance.

**BY THE COMMISSION**



Colleen M. Dale  
Secretary

( S E A L )

Nancy Dippell, Deputy Chief Regulatory  
Law Judge, by delegation of authority  
pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,  
on this 26th day of September, 2008.