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RE: GR-99-315

Dear Mr. Roberts:

Enclosed for filing in the above-captioned case are an original and fourteen (14) conformed copies of a **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**.

This filing has been mailed or hand-delivered this date to all counsel of record.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely yours,

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In the Matter of Laclede Gas Company's)
Tariff to Revise Natural Gas Rate)
Schedule)

Case No. GR-99-315

STAFF RECOMMENDATION


COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission and for its
recommendation states:

1. In the attached Memorandum, which is labeled Appendix A, the Staff
recommends that the Missouri Public Service issue an Order to approve the Tariff pages filed by
Laclede Gas Company (Company) on December 22, 1999. A list of the Tariff pages appears in
the attached Memorandum.

2. The Company requested expedited action on their tariff filing and indicated with
good cause why expedited action by the Commission is warranted pursuant to Section
393.140(11) RSMo.

Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed or hand-delivered to all counsel of record as shown on the attached service list this 22nd day of December 1999.



MEMORANDUM

TO: Missouri Public Service Commission Official Case File,
Case No. GR-99-315, File No. 200000580, Laclede Gas Company

FROM: Daniel Beck, Gas Department - Tariffs/Rate Design *DB*
for WH
12/22/99 *Thomas R. Schwan, Jr.* *12/22/99*
Utility Operations Division/Date General Counsel's Office/Date

SUBJECT: Staff Recommendation On Laclede Gas Company's Tariff Sheets Filed to
Comply with the Commission's Orders.

DATE: December 22, 1999

On December 14, 1999, the Commission issued its Report and Order (Order) in Case No. GR-99-315. On December 21, 1999, the Commission issued its Order of Clarification (Clarification) in Case GR-99-315.

In response to these orders, Laclede Gas Company (Laclede or Company) withdrew the tariff sheets that were filed on December 16, 1999, December 17, 1999, and December 20, 1999. Instead, Laclede filed a new set of tariff sheets on December 22, 1999 (which bore a 30 day effective date of January 22, 2000) to comply with both the Order and the Clarification.

In its letter of transmittal accompanying the December 22, 1999 compliance filing, Laclede reiterated its request for expedited action as contained in their filed motion requesting a December 24, 1999 effective date.

The Commission's Gas Department - Tariffs/Rate Design Staff (Staff) has reviewed the tariff sheets as filed by Laclede on December 22, 1999 and is of the opinion that these sheets are in compliance with both the Commission's Order and the Commission's Clarification. Staff has no objection to the Commission granting the Company's request for expedited consideration and allowing the tariffs to become effective for service rendered on and after December 24, 1999, the requested effective date. Therefore, Staff recommends the following tariff sheets filed on December 22, 1999 be approved:

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

Third Revised SHEET No. 1-a Cancelling Second Revised SHEET No. 1-a
Twelfth Revised SHEET No. 2 Cancelling Eleventh Revised SHEET No. 2
Eighth Revised SHEET No. 3 Cancelling Seventh Revised SHEET No. 3
Eleventh Revised SHEET No. 4 Cancelling Tenth Revised SHEET No. 4
Original SHEET No. 4-a Cancelling All Previous Schedules
Twelfth Revised SHEET No. 5 Cancelling Eleventh Revised SHEET No. 5
Eleventh Revised SHEET No. 7 Cancelling Tenth Revised SHEET No. 7
Thirteenth Revised SHEET No. 8 Cancelling Twelfth Revised SHEET No. 8
Eleventh Revised SHEET No. 9 Cancelling Tenth Revised SHEET No. 9
Fifth Revised SHEET No. 11 Cancelling Fourth Revised SHEET No. 11
Sixth Revised SHEET No. 15 Cancelling Fifth Revised SHEET No. 15
Ninth Revised SHEET No. 21 Cancelling Eighth Revised SHEET No. 21
First Revised SHEET No. 28-d Cancelling Original Revised SHEET No. 28-d
One Hundred and Seventy-Ninth Revised SHEET No. 29 Cancelling One Hundred and
Seventy-Eighth Revised SHEET No. 29
Fourth Revised SHEET No. 30 Cancelling Third Revised SHEET No. 30
Second Revised SHEET No. 32 Cancelling First Revised SHEET No. 32
Seventh Revised SHEET No. 34 Cancelling Sixth Revised SHEET No. 34
Sixth Revised SHEET No. 35 Cancelling Fifth Revised SHEET No. 35
First Revised SHEET No. 37 Cancelling Original Revised SHEET No. 37
First Revised SHEET No. 38 Cancelling Original Revised SHEET No. 38
First Revised SHEET No. 39 Cancelling Original Revised SHEET No. 39
Fourth Revised SHEET No. 40 Cancelling Third Revised SHEET No. 40

Appendix A

**SERVICE LIST FOR
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