

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
JEFFERSON CITY
May 11, 1999**

CASE NO: GR-99-315

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Enclosed find certified copy of ORDER in the above-numbered case(s).

Sincerely,



Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

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To the county commission of each county and mayor of each municipality within Laclede's service area.

STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

At a session of the Public Service
Commission held at its office
in Jefferson City on the 11th
day of May, 1999.

In the Matter of Laclede Gas Company's Tariff)
to Revise Natural Gas Rate Schedules.) Case No. GR-99-315

ORDER SCHEDULING LOCAL PUBLIC HEARINGS

On January 26, 1999, Laclede Gas Company (Laclede) submitted to the Commission tariffs reflecting increased rates for gas service provided to its customers in Missouri. On February 9, 1999, the Commission suspended Laclede's proposed tariffs. The case is set for evidentiary hearing on August 30, 1999, through September 3, 1999, at the Commission's office located in Jefferson City.

On April 30, 1999, Laclede filed a motion requesting that it be notified on or before May 14, 1999, if the Commission intended to hold local public hearings in this matter so that it could make the appropriate preparations for notification of its customers. Laclede suggested that public hearings be set in both downtown St. Louis and in Clayton as in previous rate cases before the Commission. No responses to Laclede's motion were received.

The Commission will conduct local public hearings in St. Louis and Clayton before the evidentiary hearing. Direct notice of the local public hearings shall be sent by Laclede, by an imprint on the customer's monthly billing, billing insert, first class letter, or postcard, to each

of Laclede's residential and commercial customers at least fifteen (15) days prior to the local public hearing date. The direct notice to customers sent by Laclede shall prominently state the time, date, and location of the local hearing regarding the proposed rate design. The Staff, the Office of the Public Counsel and Laclede shall develop mutually agreeable language to be contained in Laclede's direct notice to its customers.

The Commission will direct the Commission's Information Officer to send notice of the local public hearing to radio stations, television stations, and publishers of each newspaper located in Laclede's service area, as listed in the newspaper directory of the current Official Manual of the State of Missouri, and to members of the General Assembly representing customers in Laclede's service area. The Commission will also direct the Records Department of the Commission to serve a copy of this order upon the county commission of each county and mayor of each municipality within Laclede's service area.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That local public hearings are scheduled on Wednesday, August 11, 1999 as follows:

12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. Wainwright State Office Building
Room 116
111 North Seventh Street
St. Louis, Missouri

6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. County Council Chambers
41 South Central Avenue
Clayton, Missouri

2. That the Records Department and Information Office of the Commission shall serve copies of this order and provide notice as described in this order.

3. That Laclede Gas Company shall send notice, as directed in this order, to each of the company's residential and commercial customers at least fifteen (15) days prior to the local public hearing date.

4. That anyone with special needs as addressed by the Americans with Disabilities Act should contact the Missouri Public Service Commission as soon as possible at one of the following numbers: Consumer Services Hotline - 1-800-392-4211 or TDD Hotline - 1-800-829-7541.

5. That this order shall become effective on May 21, 1999.

BY THE COMMISSION



**Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge**

(S E A L)

Lumpe, Ch., Crumpton, Drainer,
Murray, and Schemenauer, CC., concur.

Dippell, Senior Regulatory Law Judge

ALJ/Sec'y: Dwyer / Pope
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Crumpton, Commissioner
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Murray, Commissioner
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Schemenauer, Commissioner
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Drainer, Vice-Chair

5-11
Agenda Date

Action taken: 5-0AS
Must Vote Not Later Than _____

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

I have compared the preceding copy with the original on file in this office and

I do hereby certify the same to be a true copy therefrom and the whole thereof.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the Public Service Commission, at Jefferson
City,

Missouri, this 11TH day of MAY, 1999.

Dale Hardy Roberts
Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge