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CASE NO: GR-99-315

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

Sincerely,



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**STATE OF MISSOURI
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At a session of the Public Service
Commission held at its office
in Jefferson City on the 21st
day of December, 1999.

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

ORDER OF CLARIFICATION

On December 14, 1999, the Commission issued its Report and Order that approved the First Amended Partial Stipulation and Agreement and resolved the contested issues presented at the evidentiary hearing. On December 16, 1999, Laclede Gas Company (Laclede) requested expedited clarification of the Report and Order.

Laclede seeks clarification of portions of the Commission's order that appear inconsistent. The Report and Order contains the following ordered paragraphs:

10. That Laclede Gas Company is hereby directed to file revised tariff sheets with a thirty-day effective date in accordance with the findings in this Report and Order, which should include the increase to its revenue requirement of \$11,240,000 and all other changes consistent with this order.

11. That Laclede Gas Company shall incorporate the changes to its tariff at Sheet No. 15, Paragraph (A), and Sheet No. 21, Paragraph (5), as recommended by Staff and as set out herein.

16. That the amount of off-system sales revenue imputed in Laclede's revenue requirement should be \$.9 million.

Laclede argues that paragraphs 11 and 16 are inconsistent in that they would require Laclede to credit customers with 100 percent of off-system sales revenues and impute the amount of off-system sales revenue in Laclede's revenue requirement. Thus, Laclede argues that it would be required "to credit its customers twice for earnings realized from off-system sales." Laclede also states in its request that this result would be inconsistent with the Commission's Report and Order in Case No. GT-99-303 and with the argument of the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff) that the proposed PGA language was an alternative to imputing off-system sales revenue in the revenue requirement.

The Commission issued an order on December 17, 1999, shortening the time for responses to the request for clarification. Staff filed its response on December 20, 1999. In its response, Staff concurred that clarification was needed and suggested that because Laclede has requested an expedited tariff effective date, the Commission should clarify the Report and Order no later than December 21, 1999.

The Commission has reviewed Laclede's request for expedited clarification, Staff's response, and the Report and Order and finds that clarification is necessary. The Commission intended to require that Laclede's customers receive the benefits of profits from its off-system sales revenue because those profits are supported by the customers' rates through the transportation reservation and gas supply demand charges in the purchased gas adjustment and actual cost adjustment (PGA/ACA) process. The Commission did not intend for the Report and Order to cause Laclede to

credit its customers twice for the off-system sales revenue. Therefore, the Commission will clarify its Report and Order as ordered below.

Because of the requests for expedited approval of Laclede's tariff sheets filed in response to the Report and Order, this clarification, and the upcoming holidays, the Commission requests that Staff inform the Commission of the earliest date Staff believes Laclede's tariff sheets could become effective.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That Laclede Gas Company's request for expedited clarification is granted.

2. That the Commission clarifies its Report and Order issued on December 14, 1999, by striking the first sentence of the first full paragraph on page 34, titled "Off-System Sales Revenue", and substituting the following sentence:

The Commission finds that it is in the public interest for Laclede's customers to benefit from profits of its off-system sales revenue.

3. That the Commission clarifies its Report and Order issued on December 14, 1999, by striking ordered paragraph 11 in its entirety.

4. That the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission inform the Commission of the earliest date Staff believes Laclede's tariff sheets could become effective.

5. That this order is effective on December 24, 1999.

BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Dale Hardy Roberts". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

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

At/Secy:

Byrdell / 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

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Agenda Date

Action taken:

5-04A

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 21st day of December 1999.

Dale Hardy Roberts

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Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

