

**STATE OF MISSOURI  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
JEFFERSON CITY  
January 11, 2000**

**CASE NO: GO-2000-395**

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

**Sincerely,**



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

**Uncertified Copies:**

**To the mayor of each city and the county commission of each county in which  
Laclede provides service**

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

In the Matter of Laclede Gas Company's Gas            ) Case No. GO-2000-395  
Supply Incentive Plan (GSIP II).                    )

**ORDER OPENING CASE AND DIRECTING NOTICE**

On December 29, 1999, the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff) filed a motion requesting that the Commission open a case in connection with the Gas Supply Incentive Plan (GSIP II) of Laclede Gas Company (Laclede). Staff noted that on September 9, 1999, the Commission issued an order in Case No. GT-99-303 which provided, among other things, that Laclede was authorized to implement a Gas Supply Incentive Plan (GSIP II) that was "consistent with the modifications directed by the Commission." The September 9 order also indicated that the GSIP II plan would be effective for a one-year term from October 1, 1999, until September 30, 2000.

Staff states that it believes it has an obligation and responsibility to monitor the GSIP II plan to ensure that it is "consistent with the modifications directed by the Commission" unless directed otherwise. Staff anticipates that Laclede will seek to extend the GSIP II prior to its expiration and that Staff will need to obtain information from Laclede. Staff notes that Laclede has indicated that it is not obligated to provide information regarding its incentive hedging program unless there is an open case. Therefore, Staff requests that the Commission issue an order opening a case in this matter to allow the Staff to monitor the GSIP II plan to

facilitate compliance with the directives of the Commission, or that the Commission otherwise direct the Staff as to its responsibilities in connection with the GSIP II plan.

The Commission has considered Staff's motion and finds that a case should be opened in connection with Laclede's GSIP II plan. Staff is directed to monitor the GSIP II plan to ensure compliance with the directives of the Commission in Case No. GT-99-303. The Commission also finds that interested parties should be given an opportunity to intervene. Accordingly, a copy of this order and of Staff's Motion to Open Docket shall be sent to each party in Case No. GT-99-303. The Records Department of the Commission should serve a copy of this order upon the mayor of each city and the county commission of each county in Laclede's service area. In addition, the Information Office shall send notice of this order to the publisher of each newspaper located in the counties in which Laclede provides service, as listed in the newspaper directory of the current Official Manual of the State of Missouri, and to members of the General Assembly representing the Missouri area served by Laclede.

Parties wishing to intervene may file an application to intervene no later than 30 days from the issuance of this order with:

Dale Hardy Roberts, Secretary  
Missouri Public Service Commission  
Post Office Box 360  
Jefferson City, Missouri 65102

and send copies to:

Michael C. Pendergast, Esq.  
Laclede Gas Company  
720 Olive Street, Room 1520  
St. Louis, Missouri 63101

and to:

Office of the Public Counsel  
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Jefferson City, Missouri 65102

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

1. That Case No. GO-2000-395 is established to allow the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission to monitor the Gas Supply Incentive Plan (GSIP II) of Laclede Gas Company to facilitate compliance with the directives of the Commission's September 9, 1999, order in Case No. GT-99-303.

2. That any party wishing to intervene shall file an application to intervene no later than February 10, 2000.

3. That the Records Department and Information Office of the Commission shall serve a copy of this order and provide notice as described in this order.

4. That this order shall become effective on January 21, 2000.

**BY THE COMMISSION**



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

( S E A L )

Vicky Ruth, Regulatory Law Judge,  
by delegation of authority pursuant  
to 4 CSR 240-2.120(1) (November 30,  
1995) and Section 386.240, RSMo 1994.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,  
on this 11th day of January, 2000.

**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 11<sup>TH</sup> day of January 2000.



*Dale Hardy Roberts*

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Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge