

STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

At a session of the Public Service
Commission held at its office
in Jefferson City on the 19th
day of June, 1992.

In the matter of Laclede Gas Company for authority to)
file a tariff reflecting a change in natural gas and)
L.P. rates to be reviewed in the company's 1991 Actual) Case No. GR-91-170
Cost Adjustment filing.)
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ORDER APPROVING ACTUAL COST ADJUSTMENT

On June 19, 1992 in Case No. GR-90-322, the Commission in its order effective June 30, 1992 approved the Actual Cost Adjustment (ACA) rates filed therein by Laclede Gas Company (Laclede) for the six-month ACA period which ended September, 1990. The Commission's Staff's (Staff) audit of Laclede's gas costs and revenues in this case covers the twelve-month period from October, 1990 through September, 1991. Deferral amounts are established by Laclede to account for timing differences between the gas cost rate billed to Laclede by its primary pipeline supplier, Mississippi River Transmission Corporation, and the revenue recovery rate billed to its customers. The Staff also performed an examination and review of gas supply contracts in effect during this period and Laclede's gas purchasing decisions that were made during this period. On May 5, 1992 the Staff filed its recommendation in this case and stated therein that for the period from October, 1990 through September, 1991, Laclede's ACA filing, which had previously been approved on an interim basis subject to refund, should be approved on a permanent basis and that the case file be closed. Staff recommends that the Commission approve Laclede's ending balances for natural gas and liquid propane (LP) ACA rates for the period from October, 1990 through September, 1991 and reflect the undercollection during the said twelve-month period of \$14,200,914 firm sales of natural gas and \$184,377 interruptible sales of natural gas and the

overcollection of \$23,734 sales of LP gas in the beginning balances for the ACA period beginning October, 1991.

On May 15, 1992 the Commission in its Order requested responses to Staff's recommendation be filed by the Office of Public Counsel (Public Counsel) and Intervenors, Industrial Gas Users. On June 1, 1992 Public Counsel filed its Response not objecting to Staff's recommendation. On June 1, 1992 Industrial Gas Users filed their Response to Staff's recommendation stating therein that they took no position as to Staff's recommendation as to the ACA filing; but, that they objected to any Commission findings in regard to Laclede's prudence in its gas purchases.

Based upon the recommendation of its Staff, the Commission determines that Laclede's ACA rates filed for the twelve-month period from October, 1990 through September, 1991 are accurate and should be approved on a permanent basis, and that the beginning balances for its natural gas and LP ACA rates for the period beginning October, 1991 should reflect the undercollections of the said twelve-month period herein of \$14,200,914 firm sales of natural gas and \$184,377 interruptible sales of natural gas and the overcollection of \$23,734 sales of LP gas. Also, since all of the matters at issue in this docket have been resolved, the Commission further determines that this case should be closed.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the Actual Cost Adjustment rates filed in this case by Laclede Gas Company for the period from October, 1990 through September, 1991, which had previously been approved on an interim basis subject to refund, be approved hereby on a permanent basis.

2. That the beginning balances for Laclede's Actual Cost Adjustment period beginning October, 1991 for the natural gas and liquid propane deferred accounts shall reflect the undercollections of \$14,200,914 firm sales of natural gas and \$184,377 interruptible sales of natural gas and the overcollection of

\$23,734 sales of liquid propane experienced in the October, 1990 through September, 1991 Actual Cost Adjustment period.

3. That Case No. GR-91-170 be hereby closed.

4. That this order shall become effective on the 30th day of June, 1992.

BY THE COMMISSION

Brent Stewart

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Executive Secretary

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McClure, Chm., Mueller, Rauch,
Perkins and Kincheloe, CC., concur.