

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
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CASE NO: GR-2000-622

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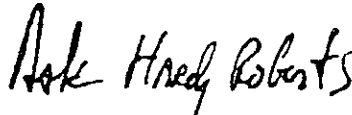
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Enclosed find certified copy of an ORDER in the above-numbered case(s).

Sincerely,



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

OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of Laclede Gas Company's)
Purchased Gas Adjustment Factors to be) **Case No. GR-2000-622**
Reviewed in its 1999-2000 Actual Cost Adjustment)

SECOND ORDER APPROVING INTERIM RATES

On October 31, 2000, Laclede Gas Company (Company) filed a proposed tariff sheet with the Missouri Public Service Commission, carrying an effective date of November 15, 2000. The tariff sheet was filed to reflect scheduled changes in Company's Purchased Gas Adjustment (PGA) factors as the result of changes in the cost of natural gas for the upcoming winter heating season. The winter heating season includes the months of November through March. Additionally, Company's Actual Cost Adjustment (ACA) and Refund factors changed.

These changes will increase the firm PGA factor for the 2000-2001 winter heating season to \$0.66311 per therm from a summer season firm PGA factor of \$0.52702 per therm.

On November 9, 2000, the Staff of the Commission (Staff) filed a recommendation and memorandum stating that the changes in Company's PGA factors were calculated in conformance with its Commission approved PGA Clause. Staff stated that Company's PGA Clause allows for ten business days' notice for filings reflecting PGA changes and

that Company had, consequently, shown good cause for approval of a tariff on less than 30 days' notice. Staff recommends that the Commission approve the proposed tariff sheet for service rendered on and after November 15, 2000, on an interim basis, subject to refund, pending a final Commission decision in Company's ACA case, Case Nos. GR-97-222, GR-98-297, GR-99-316, and GR-2000-622. The Staff also requested that the Commission's Procurement Analysis Department be given the time necessary to conduct its audit of the ACA period and submit its results and recommendations regarding this ACA filing on or before December 1, 2001.

The Commission has reviewed the proposed tariff sheet and Staff's memorandum and recommendation and finds that the tariff sheet conforms to the Company's Commission-approved PGA Clause and is therefore reasonable. After considering Staff's recommendation, and for good cause shown pursuant to Section 393.140(11), RSMo 1994, the Commission shall approve the proposed tariff sheet for service rendered on and after November 15, 2000, on an interim basis, subject to refund.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the proposed tariff sheet filed on October 31, 2000, by Laclede Gas Company is approved on an interim basis, subject to refund, for service rendered on and after November 15, 2000. The tariff sheet approved is:

P.S.C. Mo. No. 5 Consolidated
One Hundred and Eighty-Second Revised Sheet No. 29 CANCELING
One Hundred and Eight-First Revised Sheet No. 29

2. That the Commission's Procurement Analysis Department shall be given the time necessary to conduct its audit of this ACA period and shall submit its results and recommendations regarding this ACA filing on or before December 1, 2001.

3. That this order shall become effective on November 15, 2000.

BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in dark 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)

Bill Hopkins, Senior Regulatory Law Judge,
by delegation of authority pursuant to
Section 386.240, RSMo 1994.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 13th day of November, 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 13th day of Nov. 2000.



Dale Hardy Roberts

Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge