## STATE OF MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

At a session of the Public Service Commission held at its office in Jefferson City on the 12th day of January, 1990.

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In the matter of Laclede Gas Company of St. Louis, Missouri, for authority to file a tariff reflecting a change in rates for LP and natural gas service to its customers in accordance ) Case No. GR-89-222 with the ACA portion of the purchased gas adjustment clause ) on file for the Company. ) In the matter of Laclede Gas Company of St. Louis, Missouri, for authority to file a tariff pursuant to provisions of the ) Company's PGA clause on file with the Commission, reflecting ) Case No. GR-90-41 a change in natural gas and LP rates resulting from revised ) rates charged by its suppliers. )

## ORDER APPROVING RATES EFFECTIVE JANUARY 15, 1990, AND CLOSING CASE

On April 28, 1989, Laclede Gas Company (Company) of St. Louis, Missouri, submitted to this Commission for approval a tariff which reflected a change in rates for natural gas due to the recalculation of the Actual Cost Adjustment (ACA) factor for the period 1988-1989. This matter was docketed as Case No. GR-89-222. In its order issued May 5, 1989, the Commission approved the tariff to become effective May 8, 1989, interim subject to refund in order to allow Staff additional time to review the ACA filing.

On January 2, 1990, Staff filed a memorandum indicating it had completed the audit of the ACA filing. Staff indicated that it had reviewed the ACA data and recommended the ACA factor as submitted by Company in P.S.C. Mo. No. 5 Consolidated, Forty-fifth Revised Sheet No. 29 no longer be interim subject to refund.

The Commission has reviewed this matter and, based upon Staff's recommendation, the Commission has determined that the ACA factor filed by Company on April 28, 1989, for the period 1988-1989 should no longer be interim subject to refund. Staff's audit indicated that the ACA factor accurately reflected gas costs for that

period. Since the ACA factor is no longer interim subject to refund, Case No. GR-89-222 will be closed.

On January 5, 1990, Company submitted to the Commission for approval a tariff which reflects a change in rates for natural gas due to an increase in whole-sale natural gas rates charged the Company by its supplier, Mississippi River Transmission Corporation (MRT). Based upon the increase, annualized revenues will increase by approximately \$13.6 million. The proposed Firm Purchase Gas Adjustment (PGA) factor will increase by \$0.01283 per therm, yielding a new factor for the Firm customer classification of \$(0.08071) per therm. For the Seasonal and Interruptible customer classification, the PGA factor will also increase by \$0.01283 per therm to \$(0.06479) per therm.

Staff on January 11, 1990 filed a memorandum stating it had reviewed the proposed tariff, P.S.C. Mo. No. 5 Consolidated, Fifty-fifth Revised Sheet No. 29, and recommending that it be approved.

This tariff reflects a change in the PGA factor for Company during the period that will be reviewed in its 1989-1990 filing. The PGA changes for the period 1989-1990 are docketed in Case No. GR-90-41 and have been made interim subject to refund because they included the ACA factor in Case No. GR-89-222. Since the Commission has determined that the 1988-1989 ACA factor will no longer be interim subject to refund, it is no longer necessary to make the proposed PGA tariff interim subject to refund.

The Commission has determined that the PGA factor filed by Company on January 5, 1990, should be approved. The Commission has determined that there is good cause for proposed tariff sheet P.S.C. Mo. No. 5 Consolidated, Fifty-fifth Revised Sheet No. 29, the PGA factor, to be approved for service on or after January 15, 1990.

It is, therefore,

ORDERED: 1. That the ACA factor for the period 1988-1989 is no longer interim subject to refund.

ORDERED: 2. That the following tariff sheet submitted January 5, 1990, by Laclede Gas Company for the purpose of reflecting a change in rates for natural gas service as the result of a wholesale gas cost change be, and it is, hereby authorized to become effective on and after January 15, 1990.

## P.S.C. Mo. No. 5 Consolidated

Fifty-fifth Revised Sheet No. 29 cancelling Fifty-fourth Revised Sheet No. 29

ORDERED: 3. That Case No. GR-89-222 is hereby closed.

ORDERED: 4. That this order shall become effective on the date hereof.

BY THE COMMISSION

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Harvey G. Hubbs

Secretary

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Steinmeier, Chm., Mueller, Rauch and McClure, CC., Concur. Letsch, C., Absent.