

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
JEFFERSON CITY**

October 11, 2000

CASE NO: GO-2000-394

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

Sincerely,

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

Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of Laclede Gas Company's) **Case No. GO-2000-394**
Experimental Price Stabilization Fund.) Tariff No. 200100417

ORDER APPROVING TARIFF SHEET FILED IN COMPLIANCE
WITH COMMISSION ORDER

On September 1, 2000, Laclede Gas Company (Laclede), the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff), and the Office of the Public Counsel (Public Counsel) filed a Unanimous Stipulation and Agreement in which they recommended that the Commission approve certain revisions to Laclede's Price Stabilization Program (PSP) for this year only. On September 21, 2000, the Staff filed a memorandum in support of the agreement. On September 28, 2000, the Commission issued an order which, among other things, approved the Unanimous Stipulation and Agreement. In this order, the Commission also directed Laclede to file tariff sheets consistent with the Stipulation and Agreement no later than October 12, 2000.

On October 5, 2000, Laclede filed a revised tariff sheet to reflect the fact that the Price Stabilization Program is now also subject to the terms of the Unanimous Stipulation and Agreement approved by the Commission. On the same date, Laclede filed a Motion to Permit Tariff Sheet to Become Effective on Less Than Thirty Days' Notice. The motion states that since the tariff sheet complies with the Commission's order approving the Unanimous Stipulation and Agreement, and since the need for timely implementation of this

revision in advance of the winter heating season remains, Laclede submits that there is good cause for approving the tariff sheet on less than 30 days' notice. Laclede requested the Commission issue its order approving the tariff sheet as soon as practicable, but no later than October 12, 2000. Laclede states that Staff and Public Counsel have had an opportunity to review this motion and the tariff sheet, and that counsel for both parties have indicated that they have no objection to either the tariff sheet or the relief requested in the motion, and have authorized Laclede to so state.

On October 10, 2000, the Commission issued an order directing Staff and Public counsel to file a memorandum indicating whether or not they have any objections to Laclede's tariff sheet or to its October 5, 2000, motion. Public Counsel filed a response on the same date, indicating that it has no objection to either the tariff sheet or to the relief requested in Laclede's motion. Public Counsel notes that the tariff sheet accurately reflects the Unanimous Stipulation and Agreement.

On October 11, 2000, Staff filed its recommendation, stating that the October 5, 2000, filing implements the agreement of the parties and complies with the Commission order. Staff recommends that the Commission approve Laclede's October 5, 2000, tariff filing.

The Commission has reviewed the tariff sheet, Laclede's motion, Staff's recommendation and the October 10, 2000, letter from Public Counsel, and finds that the tariff sheet conforms to the Commission's order of September 28, 2000. The Commission also finds

that good cause exists to approve the tariff sheet to become effective on October 12, 2000, which is less than 30 days' notice.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the tariff sheet filed by Laclede Gas Company on October 5, 2000, and assigned tariff number 200100417, is approved, to become effective on October 12, 2000. The tariff sheet approved is:

P.S.C. MO. No. 5 Consolidated

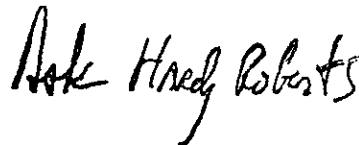
Third Revised Sheet No. 28-e, Canceling Second Revised Sheet No. 28-e

2. That this order shall become effective on October 12, 2000.

3. That this case may be closed on October 13, 2000.

BY THE COMMISSION

(S E A L)



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

Vicky Ruth, Regulatory Law Judge,
by delegation of authority pursuant
to Section 386.240, RSMo 1994.

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



Dale Hardy Roberts

Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge