

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the matter of Laclede Gas Company's Purchased)
Gas Adjustment factors to be reviewed in its) Case No. GR-2000-622
1999-2000 Actual Cost Adjustment.)

ORDER APPROVING INTERIM RATES

Laclede Gas Company (Laclede or Company) of St. Louis, Missouri, submitted a tariff sheet to the Commission on April 4, 2000, carrying an effective date of April 18, 2000. The tariff sheet was filed to reflect scheduled changes in Laclede's Purchased Gas Adjustment (PGA) factors as the result of changes in the cost of natural gas for the upcoming summer season. The summer season includes the months of April through October. Additionally, the L. P. Service factor will increase.

The net effect of these changes will decrease the firm PGA factor for the summer season to \$0.35892 per therm, from a winter season firm PGA factor of \$0.35909 per therm.

The Staff of the Commission (Staff) filed a memorandum stating that the change in Laclede's PGA factors was calculated in conformance with the Company's approved PGA Clause. The Staff stated that Laclede's PGA Clause allows for ten (10) business days notice for filings reflecting PGA changes. Staff recommends that the Commission approve the tariff sheet to become effective April 18, 2000, on an interim basis, subject to refund, pending final Commission decisions in Laclede's Actual Cost Adjustment Case Nos. GR-97-222, GR-98-297, GR-99-316, and GR-2000-622.

The Commission has reviewed the tariff sheet and Staff's 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 is of the opinion that the proposed tariff sheet should be approved to become effective on and after the requested effective date of April 18, 2000, interim subject to refund.

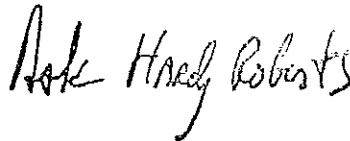
IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the tariff sheet filed on April 4, 2000, by Laclede Gas Company of St. Louis, Missouri, is approved on an interim basis, subject to refund, to become effective on April 18, 2000. The tariff sheet approved is:

P.S.C. MO. No. 5 Consolidated
One Hundred and Eightieth Revised Sheet No. 29 CANCELLING One Hundred
and Seventy-Ninth Revised Sheet No. 29

2. That this order shall become effective on April 18, 2000.

BY THE COMMISSION



Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

(S E A L)

Bill Hopkins, 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 13th day of April, 2000.