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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 AND ONE-TIME WAIVER REQUEST

Laclede Gas Company (Laclede or Company) of St. Louis, Missouri, filed a tariff sheet with the Commission on June 30, 2000, carrying an effective date of July 15, 2000. The tariff sheet was filed to reflect unscheduled changes in Laclede's Purchased Gas Adjustment (PGA) factors as the result of changes in the estimated cost of natural gas for the remainder of the summer season. The summer season includes the months of April through October. The net effect of these changes will increase the firm PGA factor from \$0.35892 per therm to \$0.52702 per therm for the remainder of the summer season.

In conjunction with this tariff sheet, Laclede filed a MOTION FOR WAIVER TO MAKE AN UNSCHEDULED SUMMER PURCHASED GAS ADJUSTMENT FILING (Motion). The Motion requests a one-time waiver from the PGA Clause of Laclede's tariff due to escalations in the market price of gas since its scheduled summer PGA filing.

The Missouri Public Service Commission Staff (Staff) filed a memorandum which recommended that Laclede's Motion filed on June 30, 2000, be granted and that the tariff sheet also submitted on June 30, 2000 be approved, interim subject to refund, pending final Commission decisions in Case Nos. GR-97-222, GR-98-297, GR-99-316, and GR-2000,622.

The Commission has reviewed the Motion, the tariff sheet and Staff's recommendation, and finds that the Motion should be granted. 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 July 15, 2000, interim subject to refund.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the Motion submitted on June 30, 2000, by Laclede Gas Company of St. Louis, Missouri, for the purpose of requesting a one-time waiver from its current PGA clause to allow an unscheduled summer PGA filing be, and it is, hereby granted.

2. That the tariff sheet submitted on June 30, 2000, by Laclede Gas Company of St. Louis, Missouri, for the purpose of reflecting changes in rates for natural gas be, and it is, hereby approved to become effective on and after July 15, 2000, interim subject to refund. The tariff sheet approved is:

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

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

BY THE COMMISSION



Dale Hardy Roberts

Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

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Bill Hopkins, Senior 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 July, 2000.