

**STATE OF MISSOURI  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a session of the Public Service  
Commission held at its office  
in Jefferson City on the 7th  
day of March, 1997.

In the Matter of Laclede Gas Company's Tariff	)	
Sheets Designed to Increase Rates for Gas Service	)	<u>Case No. GR-96-193</u>
Provided to Customers in the Missouri Service	)	
Area of the Company.	)	
	)	

**ORDER APPROVING REPORT FORMS AND DIRECTING PERIODIC FILING**

The Commission approved a Gas Cost Incentive Mechanism for Laclede Gas Company (Laclede) in its Report and Order issued on August 28, 1996. The Stipulation and Agreement of the parties called for the development of formats for a Reliability Report and Monitoring Report, and for both types of reports to be submitted annually. *See* Stipulation and Agreement, ¶ 3B. Laclede filed a proposed format for its Reliability and Monitoring reports in October, 1996, modeled on similar reports approved for MGE's Gas Cost Incentive plan.

The Staff of the Commission (Staff) filed a Memorandum recommending approval of the format of both reports on December 13, 1996. Staff stated that the format for the Reliability Report was developed jointly with Staff and the Office of the Public Counsel (OPC) in a technical workshop. Staff stated that the format for the Monitoring Report is substantially the same as the format the Commission approved for Missouri Gas Energy's gas cost incentive plan monitoring reports. Staff recommended that the formats be approved and that Laclede be required to: submit a Reliability Report by October 15 of each year that the Gas Supply

Incentive Plan remains in effect; submit a Monitoring Report in conjunction with the company's ACA filings, beginning with the 1996/1997 ACA period; and submit both Reliability Reports and Monitoring reports under the case number of the relevant ACA period.

The Commission finds that the proposed format for Laclede's Reliability Reports and Monitoring Reports is adequate and should be approved. The Commission will also order the annual submission of these reports as requested by Staff. However, the Commission finds that the substantive Reliability and Monitoring Reports should be filed in the Commission's official case file under seal. The Reliability Report submitted to Staff in November of 1996 should be filed in the appropriate case file. Where a protective order has been issued in the case, the report may be filed under that protection. The company should request a protective order where one has not been issued.

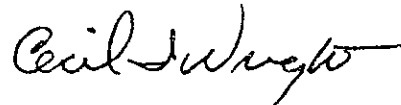
**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

1. That the proposed format for the Reliability Report filed by Laclede Gas Company on October 17, 1996, is approved.
2. That the proposed format for the Monitoring Report filed by Laclede Gas Company on October 17, 1996, is approved.
3. That Laclede Gas Company shall file, under seal, a Reliability Report no later than October 15 of each year that the Gas Supply Incentive Plan remains in effect.
4. That Laclede Gas Company shall file, under seal, a Monitoring Report each year in conjunction with the company's ACA filing, beginning with the 1996/1997 ACA period and continuing as long as the Gas Supply Incentive Plan remains in effect.

5. That Laclede Gas Company shall file subsequent Reliability and Monitoring Reports under the case number of the ACA period to which they refer.

6. That this order shall become effective on the date hereof.

**BY THE COMMISSION**



**Cecil I. Wright**  
**Executive Secretary**

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Zobrist, Chm., McClure,  
Crompton and Drainer, CC.,  
concur.

ALJ: Wickliffe