

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 July, 1995.

In the matter of the application of Laclede)
Gas Company for a limited variance from the)
provisions of its purchased gas adjustment)
clause to permit the utilization of certain) CASE NO. GO-95-418
refund provisions of such clause to encompass)
excess amounts previously received in con-)
nection with a pilot weatherization program.)

ORDER GRANTING VARIANCE

Laclede Gas Company filed an application for a limited variance on June 16, 1995, asking the Commission to grant the company a limited variance from its PGA clause. The limited variance would allow Laclede to use the PGA mechanism to make a refund of excess revenues that are not properly covered by the company's PGA clause.

Laclede instituted a Pilot Weatherization Program in accordance with a settlement in Case No. GR-92-165 that permitted the company to make grants for the purpose of installing weatherization measures in customer homes. Laclede filed a report on the program's progress on March 22, 1995, showing that revenues exceeded expenses by \$80,060.92. Laclede seeks permission to refund the excess revenue to customers by means of its PGA clause. The company would add the excess weatherization funds to other funds to be refunded through the PGA clause and, when the total exceeds \$100,000, refund them within three months as the PGA clause provides.

The Commission's Staff (Staff) filed a memorandum setting out its recommendation on June 29, 1995. Staff stated that the grant of this limited variance is a reasonable means for refunding the excess

weatherization funds. Staff stated that using this method for refund would enable the company to direct the refund primarily to the customers who had initially paid for the pilot program through rates. Staff recommended approval of the limited variance as requested.

Having reviewed the application and Staff's memorandum, the Commission finds there is good cause for granting a limited variance from Laclede's PGA clause. Commission believes that granting a limited variance to permit the company to refund excess funds from its Pilot Weatherization Program will be of benefit to ratepayers and is in the public interest.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That Laclede Gas Company be granted a variance from its PGA Clause and be permitted to use the PGA mechanism for refunding excess revenues from the Pilot Weatherization Program approved in Case No. GR-92-165.

2. That this order shall become effective on July 17, 1995.

BY THE COMMISSION



David L. Rauch
Executive Secretary

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Mueller, Chm., McClure, Kincheloe,
and Crumpton, CC., Concur.