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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of Laclede Gas Company's Tariff)
Sheets Designed to Extend for an Additional) Case No. GO-98-484
Period the Experimental Price Stabilization) Tariff No. 9901023
Fund.)

ORDER APPROVING TARIFF PURSUANT TO
COMMISSION ORDER AND CLOSING CASE

On June 25, 1999, Laclede Gas Company (Laclede) filed a compliance letter and tariff sheets pursuant to the Report and Order issued by the Commission on June 15, 1999. The tariff sheets bore an effective date of July 26, 1999. Also on June 25, 1999, Laclede filed a motion requesting that the tariff sheets be allowed to become effective on less than 30 days' notice because Laclede needed sufficient time to procure prospective financial instruments on the most favorable terms possible for its customers. However, Laclede did not request a specific date on which the filing should become effective. Laclede filed substitute tariff sheets on July 6, 1999, and on July 12, 1999, to incorporate changes suggested by the Commission's Staff (Staff).

On July 12, 1999, Staff filed a memorandum recommending that the Commission approve the tariff sheets as amended. Staff noted that the Commission's Report and Order granted Laclede's request to extend the Price Stabilization Program (PSP) as amended by Alternative Plan B and including additional changes proposed in Laclede's posthearing briefs.

Staff indicated that it has reviewed Laclede's revised program description, and its tariff sheets with substitutions, and is of the opinion that they are in compliance with the Report and Order issued on June 15, 1999. Therefore, Staff recommended that the tariff sheets filed on June 25, 1999, and as substituted on July 6, 1999 and July 12, 1999, be approved.

The Commission has reviewed the compliance letter, the tariff filing, the substitute tariff sheets, and Staff's memorandum, and has determined the filing to be in compliance with the Commission's Report and Order.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the following tariff sheets, filed June 25, 1999, as modified by the substitute tariff sheets filed on July 6, 1999, and July 12, 1999, are hereby approved for service on or after July 23, 1999.

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

Second Revised Sheet No. 28-e Canceling First Revised Sheet No. 28-e
Original Sheet No. 28-f
Original Sheet No. 28-g

2. That this order shall become effective on July 23, 1999.

3. That this case may be closed on July 26, 1999.

BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Dale Hardy Roberts". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

(S E A L)

Vicky Ruth, 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 21st day of July, 1999.