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STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

At a session of the Public Service
Commission held at its office
in Jefferson City on the 16th
day of September, 1997.

In the matter of Laclede Gas Company's tariff)
sheets to be reviewed in its 1996-1997 Actual)
Cost Adjustment.) Case No. GR-97-222

ORDER APPROVING INTERIM RATES

Laclede Gas Company (Laclede or Company) of St. Louis, Missouri, submitted a tariff sheet to the Commission on September 4, 1997, carrying an effective date of September 18, 1997. The tariff sheet was filed to reflect a change in the Company's Purchased Gas Adjustment (PGA) factor as a result of an increase in Laclede's cost of natural gas. Also, there is an increase in the L.P. sales classification PGA factor to reflect increases in Laclede's cost of propane. The effect of these changes will be to increase annualized revenues by approximately \$36.2 million. The impact on a typical residential space heating customer using 42 therms of natural gas in the month of October will be an increase of \$1.79, or 6.3%.

The Staff of the Commission (Staff) filed a memorandum stating that the change in Laclede's PGA was calculated in conformance with the Company's approved PGA Clause and recommends that the Commission approve the tariff sheet to become effective on September 18, 1997. Staff stated that Laclede's PGA Clause allows for ten (10) business days notice for filings reflecting PGA changes. Staff recommended that the tariff sheet be approved on an interim basis, subject to refund, until the Commission makes its final determinations in Case Nos. GR-97-222 and GR-96-181.

The Commission has reviewed the tariff sheet and Staff's recommendation, and finds that the tariff conforms with Laclede'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 September 18, 1997, interim subject to refund.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the tariff sheet submitted on September 4, 1997, by Laclede Gas Company of St. Louis, Missouri, is approved on an interim basis, subject to refund, to become effective on September 18, 1997. The tariff sheet approved is:

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

One Hundred and Seventieth Revised Sheet No. 29 CANCELLING One Hundred and Sixty-Ninth Revised Sheet No. 29

2. That this order shall become effective September 18, 1997.

BY THE COMMISSION



Cecil I. Wright
Executive Secretary

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Lumpe, Chm., Drainer, and Murray, CC., Concur.
Crumpton, C., Dissent.
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Laclede Gas Company

Name of Issuing Corporation or Municipality

For

Refer to Sheet No. 1

Community, Town or City

SCHEDULE OF RATES

PURCHASED GAS ADJUSTMENT CLAUSEAdjustment Statement

In accordance with the Company's Purchased Gas Adjustment Clause contained in Sheet Nos. 15 through 28-e, inclusive and the Company's Purchased L.P. Gas Adjustment Clause contained on Sheet No. 8, the following adjustments per therm or per gallon, where applicable, will become effective on and after the effective date of this tariff.

<u>Sales Classification</u>	<u>Current</u> <u>PGA</u>	<u>ACA</u>	<u>UFA</u>	<u>Refund</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>Adjustment</u>
Firm Other Than LVTSS	6.551¢	(2.799¢)	-	(0.090¢)	3.662¢
LVTSS	6.081¢	(2.799¢)	-	(0.090¢)	3.192¢
Seas. & Int.	4.071¢	(0.575¢)	-	(0.022¢)	3.474¢
L.P.	8.790¢	4.867¢	-	-	13.657¢

Firm Other Than LVTSS sales are rendered under General Service Rate (Sheet No. 2), the Large Volume Service Rate (Sheet No. 5), the Unmetered Gas Light Service Rate (Sheet No. 9), Vehicular Fuel Rate (Sheet No. 11) and all special contracts for firm service.

LVTSS sales are rendered under the Large Volume Transportation and Sales Service Rate (Sheet No. 34).

Seasonal and Interruptible sales are rendered under the Seasonal Air Conditioning Service Rate (Sheet No. 4), and the Interruptible Service Rate (Sheet No. 7).

L.P. Gas sales are rendered under the General L.P. Gas Service Rate (Sheet No. 8).

Additional Transportation Charges, ACA Factors and Refunds

<u>Customer Groups</u>	<u>TOP</u>	<u>Capacity</u> <u>Reservation</u>	<u>Other Non-</u> <u>Commodity</u>	<u>ACA</u>	<u>Refund</u>
Firm	-	5.242¢	-	(1.631¢)	(0.000¢)
Basic - Firm Sales					
Prior to 11/15/89	-	-	-	.000¢	(0.012¢)
Basic - Other	-	-	-	.000¢	(0.012¢)

The above Current PGA Factors are based on wholesale pipeline gas cost levels, per therm, which include TOP, Capacity Reservation and Other Non-Commodity.

DATE OF ISSUE September 3, 1997
month day year

DATE EFFECTIVE September 18, 1997
month day year

ISSUED BY K.J. Neises, Senior Vice President, 720 Olive Street, St. Louis, MO 63101
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