

BEFORE THE STATE OF MISSOURI

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the matter of Laclede Gas Company of St. Louis, Missouri,) for authority to file a tariff pursuant to provisions of the) Company's PGA Clause on file with the Commission, reflecting) Case No. GR-90-41 a change in natural gas and L.P. rates resulting from ) revised rates charged by its suppliers. )

ORDER APPROVING RATES EFFECTIVE MARCH 1, 1990

On February 16, 1990, Laclede Gas Company of St. Louis, Missouri, submitted to this Commission for approval, a tariff which reflects a change in rates for natural gas due to a decrease in wholesale natural gas rates charged the Company by its supplier, Mississippi River Transmission Corporation (MRT), and an increase in L.P. rates due to an increase in the wholesale cost of L.P. to the Company. MRT's changes include a FERC-authorized decrease in Take-or-Pay (TOP) costs.

Based upon this filing, annualized utility revenues will decrease by approximately \$21.1 million. The proposed PGA factor will decrease by \$0.01939 per therm, yielding a new factor for the Firm customer classification of \$(0.10010) per therm. For the Seasonal and Interruptible customer classification, the PGA factor will decrease by \$0.02234 per therm to \$(0.08713) per therm. The L.P. customers' PGA will increase by \$0.20007 per gallon to \$0.07289 per gallon.

On February 21, 1990, Staff filed a memorandum stating it had reviewed the proposed tariff, P.S.C. Mo. No. 5 Consolidated, Fifty-Sixth Revised Sheet No. 29, and recommended that it be approved.

The Commission has reviewed Staff's recommendations and for good cause shown pursuant to Section 393.140(11) RSMo 1986, the Commission is of the

opinion that the proposed tariff sheet should be allowed to become effective on and after the requested effective date of March 1, 1990.

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It is, therefore,

ORDERED: 1. That the following tariff sheet submitted February 16, 1990, by Laclede Gas Company of St. Louis, Missouri, for the purpose of reflecting a change in rates for natural gas and L.P. service as the result of wholesale gas cost changes is allowed hereby to become effective for service on and after March 1, 1990.

P.S.C. Mo. No. 5 Consolidated

Fifty-Sixth Revised Sheet No. 29 cancelling Fifty-Fifth Revised Sheet No. 29

ORDERED: 2. That this Order shall become effective on the date hereof.

BY THE COMMISSION

*Harvey G. Hubbs*

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Secretary

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Cecil I. Wright, Deputy Chief Hearing Examiner, by delegation of authority under Commission Directive of July 28, 1989, pursuant to Section 386.240, R.S.Mo. 1986.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri, on this 28th day of February, 1990.