

LACLEDE GAS COMPANY  
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Mr. Dale Hardy Roberts  
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge  
Missouri Public Service Commission  
Governor Office Building  
200 Madison Street  
Jefferson City, MO 65101

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Dear Mr. Roberts:

Enclosed herewith for filing with the Missouri Public Service Commission is a revised tariff sheet, P.S.C. MO. No. 5 Consolidated; One Hundred and Eighty-Second Revised Sheet No. 29, which is applicable to all divisions of Laclede Gas Company ("Company"). This revised tariff sheet, which has an issue date of October 30, 2000, and an effective date of November 15, 2000, reflects the scheduled Winter Purchased Gas Adjustment ("PGA") of the Company as provided by Sheet Nos. 15 through 28-g of the Company's tariff. Such revised PGA rates, which will be made effective on a pro-rata basis, encompass changes to all three components of the Company's PGA factors: the Current Purchased Gas Adjustment ("CPGA"), the Actual Cost Adjustment ("ACA") and refunds.

The natural gas PGA rates provided herein will increase the average monthly natural gas bill of the typical residential heating customer during the winter by \$22 compared to existing rates.

CPGA Factors

In accordance with Section A.2.c. of the Company's PGA the new natural gas CPGA factors reflect the October 2000 natural gas price indices.

As provided by the Company's tariff, the revised natural gas CPGA factors do not apply to the Company's Large Volume Transportation and Sales Service ("LVTSS") customers. Unlike the CPGA for all other customers, the CPGA for LVTSS customers is revised on a monthly basis by means of the notification procedure specifically provided by Section A.5. of the Company's PGA clause.

The new L.P. Current PGA factor is filed in accordance with the Purchased L.P. Gas Adjustment Clause set forth in Sheet Nos. 8 and 8-a of the Company's tariff and reflects an increase in the current charges for propane based on the average price the Company paid for L.P. gas in September 2000.

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ACA Factors

The new ACA factors reflect a change in the amount of deferred gas costs which are flowed-through to customers as provided by Section C of the Company's PGA Clause and the General L.P. Gas Service tariff sheet (P.S.C. MO. No. 5 Consolidated, Thirteenth Revised Sheet No. 8). In addition, such factors reflect the impact on customers of the operation of the Company's Incentive Adjustment account and the balance in the Company's Price Stabilization Fund applicable to the purchase of certain financial instruments, excluding those instruments purchased for the upcoming heating season.

During the twelve month period ending September 2000, the Company recorded net gas cost debit deferrals applicable to natural gas customers (including Incentive Adjustment account activity) of \$16,900,000. Such amount, along with the balance of deferred costs remaining from the previous ACA period, resulted in a combined net debit Actual Cost Adjustment balance of \$15,700,000. Such balance will result in the following new ACA factors which will be in effect until the effective date of the Company's scheduled Winter PGA filing in 2001:

	Existing Factors (Cents per Therm)	New Factors (Cents per Therm)
Firm Sales – other than LVTSS	(.975)	1.812
LVTSS Sales	2.240	4.033
Interruptible Sales	1.740	3.842
Firm Transportation	.477	1.037
Basic Transportation	.000	.000

During the twelve-month period ending September 2000, Laclede recorded net debit L.P. gas cost deferrals of \$23,000. Such deferrals, along with the balance of deferred costs remaining from the previous ACA period, resulted in a new deferred gas cost debit balance of \$23,000. The deferred gas cost balance in this filing will result in a new debit ACA factor for L.P. customers of 20.366¢ gallon (the previous level was a debit of 3.243¢ per gallon).

Refund Factors

The Winter PGA factors also reflect the distribution of four new refunds received by Laclede from Mississippi River Transmission Corporation and Williams Gas Pipeline Central from January 2000 to the present. The new refund factors include interest at the applicable refund interest rate on the month-end refund balances remaining to be distributed to customers. The refund interest rate used to make the initial estimate of interest during the refund distribution period is 7.5%.

Included with this filing, in addition to Laclede's Revised Sheet No. 29, are the following materials:

- a) the computation of the revised natural gas Current PGA factors;
- b) a summary derivation of the new ACA factors for each customer classification; and
- c) the derivation of the new refund factors.

Additional Information

In compliance with the Commission's February 3, 2000 Order in Case No. GO-2000-395, I am filing under separate cover the Monitoring Report for the first year of the Company's Gas Supply Incentive Plan II.

Also, in compliance with the Commission's October 19, 2000 Order in Case No. GR-99-316, under separate cover I have submitted to the Staff and the Office of the Public Counsel a copy of the Company's Reliability Report for the 1999-2000 heating season. Such report also includes the Company's peak day planning information requested by the Staff in its recommendation in the aforementioned case.

I have enclosed three copies of this filing, one of which is for your convenience in acknowledging your receipt thereof.

Sincerely,



Michael T. Cline  
Director – Tariff and Rate Administration

MTC/jlj  
Enclosures

cc: Office of the Public Counsel

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 CLAUSE**

**Adjustment Statement**

In accordance with the Company's Purchased Gas Adjustment Clause contained in Sheet Nos. 15 through 28-g, 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 PGA</u>	<u>ACA</u>	<u>UFA</u>	<u>Refund</u>	<u>Total Adjustment</u>
Firm Other Than LVTSS	64.524¢	1.812¢	(0.000¢)	(.025¢)	66.311¢
LVTSS	*	4.033¢	-	(.025¢)	*
Seas. & Int.	57.171¢	3.842¢	(0.000¢)	(0.000¢)	61.013¢
L.P.	84.606¢	20.366¢	-	-	104.972¢

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).

\* Revised each month in accordance with Section A.5 of the PGA clause.

**Additional Transportation Charges, ACA Factors and Refunds**

<u>Customer Groups</u>	<u>TOP</u>	<u>Capacity Reservation</u>	<u>Other Non-Commodity</u>	<u>ACA</u>	<u>Refund</u>
Firm	-	4.670¢	-	1.037¢	.000¢
Basic - Firm Sales Prior to 11/15/89	-	-	-	.000¢	.000¢
Basic - Other	-	-	-	.000¢	(.000¢)

DATE OF ISSUE

October 30, 2000

Month Day Year

DATE EFFECTIVE

November 15, 2000

Month Day Year

ISSUED BY

*K.J. Weises*

K.J. Weises, Senior Vice President,

Name of Officer

720 Olive St., St. Louis, MO 63101

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**LACLEDE GAS COMPANY**  
**COMPUTATION OF CURRENT PURCHASED GAS ADJUSTMENT FACTORS**  
**EFFECTIVE NOV 15, 2000**

GAS COST COMPONENT				ANNUALIZED COST	VOLUMES (THERMS)	GAS COST PER THERM	
						FIRM- OTHER THAN LVTSS	SEASONAL & INTERRUPTIBLE
GAS SUPPLY DEMAND				\$11,891,766	842,766,046	\$0.01411	\$0.00000
CAPACITY RESERVATION				\$53,560,522	917,430,841	Avg cost \$0.05838	\$0.05942 (1)
COMMODITY RELATED CHARGES	Unit Cost per MMBtu						
COMMODITY	\$5.5597						
GRI SURCHARGE	\$0.0072	Standard Deliveries					
ANNUAL CHARGE ADJUSTMENT	\$0.0022	To Laclede					
S/T	\$5.5691	87,382,092 MMBtu		\$486,636,550	851,443,420	0.57154	0.57154
FIXED TAKE-OR-PAY RELATED CHARGES	0						
S/T	\$0	X	12	\$0	1,041,611,868	0.00000	0.00000
OTHER NON-COMMODITY-RELATED COSTS				\$141,230	851,443,420	0.00017	0.00017
TOTAL				\$552,230,068		\$0.64524	\$0.57171

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 Avg capacity reservation charge per therm \$0.05838  
 Firm transportation factor per Sheet No. 16 80%  
 Firm transportation capacity reservation charge per therm \$0.04670  
 Annual firm transportation volumes 74,664,795  
 Capacity reservation charges allocated to firm transportati \$3,486,846  
 Total capacity reservation charges \$53,560,522  
 Capacity reservation charges allocated to firm sales \$50,073,676  
 Annual firm sales volumes 842,766,046  
 Firm sales capacity reservation charge per therm \$0.05942

**DERIVATION OF ACTUAL COST ADJUSTMENT  
EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 15, 2000  
FIRM SALES OTHER THAN LVTSS**

**Deferred Gas Cost Account-**

Starting Balance (\$13,142,411)

**Deferrals:**

PGA Tracking Differences \$4,532,429

Prior ACA Period Bill Adjustments  
Fiscal 1999 \$4,844

Propane Peak Shaving \$22,330

Gas Expense Adjustment \$3,260,847

Capacity Release Revenues (net of Company retention) (\$1,434,314)

Off-System Sales Net Revenues (net of Company retention) \$-0

Carrying Costs  
Fiscal 2000 \$0

Adjustment to Fiscal 1999 \$17,953

Price Stabilization Balance \$1,240,021

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Total \$7,644,110

ACA Recovery - Nov. 19, 1999 through Nov. 14, 2000 \$11,101,513

UFA Recovery \$-0

Deferred Gas Cost Account Ending Balance \$5,603,212

**Incentive Adjustment Account-**

Starting Balance \$5,065,194

Firm Transportation Discounts (Company retention) \$2,470,722

Mix of Pipeline Services (Company retention) \$532,410

Price Stabilization \$27,334

Gas Procurement (Company retention) \$5,086,157

Total \$8,116,623

Incentive Adjustment Account Recovery (\$4,336,076)

Incentive Adjustment Account-Ending Balance \$8,845,741

**Total ACA Balance** **\$14,448,954**

Estimated Firm Sales (therms) - 12 months ended October 2001 797,593,000

Actual Cost Adjustment (Per Therm) \$0.01812

**DERIVATION OF ACTUAL COST ADJUSTMENT  
EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 15, 2000  
LVTSS**

**Deferred Gas Cost Account-**

Starting Balance	\$188,415
Deferrals:	
PGA Tracking Differences	\$31,850
Prior ACA Period Bill Adjustments Fiscal 1999	\$118
Propane Peak Shaving	\$297
Gas Expense Adjustment	\$70,996
Capacity Release Revenues (net of Company retention)	(\$10,045)
Off-System Sales Net Revenues (net of Company retention)	\$-0
	\$0
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	\$0
Total	\$93,216
Recovery - Nov. 19, 1999 through Nov. 14, 2000	(\$133,182)
Deferred Gas Cost Account Balance	\$148,449
<b>Incentive Adjustment Account-</b>	
Starting Balance	(\$15,960)
Firm Transportation Discounts (Company retention)	\$17,304
Mix of Pipeline Services (Company retention)	\$3,729
Gas Procurement (Company retention)	\$35,621
Total	<hr/>
	\$56,654
Incentive Adjustment Account Recovery	\$13,029
Incentive Adjustment Account-Ending Balance	\$53,723
<b>Total ACA Balance</b>	<b>\$202,173</b>
Estimated LVTSS Sales (therms) - 12 months ended October 2001	5,013,000
Actual Cost Adjustment (Per Therm)	\$0.04033

**DERIVATION OF ACTUAL COST ADJUSTMENT  
EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 15, 2000  
INTERRUPTIBLE SALES**

**Deferred Gas Cost Account-**

Starting Balance	\$132,283
Deferrals:	
PGA Tracking Differences	\$215,925
Prior ACA Period Bill Adjustments	
Fiscal 1999	\$156
	\$0
Gas Expense Adjustment	(\$4,362)
Carrying Costs	
Fiscal 2000	\$0
Adjustment to Fiscal 1999	\$95
Price Stabilization Balance	\$10,272
	\$0
Total	<hr/> \$222,086
Recovery - Nov. 19, 1999 through Nov. 14, 2000	(\$101,791)
UFA Recovery	0
Deferred Gas Cost Account Balance	\$252,578
<b>Incentive Adjustment Account-</b>	
Starting Balance	\$0
Price Stabilization	\$226
Incentive Adjustment Account-Ending Balance	<hr/> \$226
<b>Total ACA Balance</b>	\$252,805
Estimated Interruptible Sales (therms) - 12 months ended October 2001	6,580,000
Actual Cost Adjustment (Per Therm)	\$0.03842



**DERIVATION OF ACTUAL COST ADJUSTMENT  
EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 15, 2000  
FIRM TRANSPORTATION**

**Deferred Gas Cost Account-**

Starting Balance	\$182,471
Deferrals:	
PGA Tracking Differences	\$36,818
Prior ACA Period Bill Adjustments	
Fiscal 1998	\$0
Gas Expense Adjustment	\$553,567
Capacity Release Revenues (net of Company retention)	(\$105,190)
Off-System Sales Net Revenues (net of Company retention)	\$-0
Total	<u>\$485,195</u>
Recovery - Nov. 19, 1999 through Nov. 14, 2000	(\$177,900)
Deferred Gas Cost Account Balance	\$489,766
<b>Incentive Adjustment Account-</b>	
Starting Balance	\$164,687
Firm Transportation Discounts (Company retention)	\$181,198
Mix of Pipeline Services (Company retention)	\$39,046
Gas Procurement (Company retention)	
Total	\$220,244
Incentive Adjustment Account Recovery	(\$156,064)
Incentive Adjustment Account-Ending Balance	\$228,867
<b>Total ACA Balance</b>	<b>\$718,633</b>
Estimated Firm Transportation (therms) - 12 months ended October 2001	69,285,000
Actual Cost Adjustment (Per Therm)	\$0.01037

DERIVATION OF ACTUAL COST ADJUSTMENT  
EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 15, 2000  
L.P. SALES

	Total
<b>Deferred Gas Cost Account-</b>	
Starting Balance	3,664
Deferrals	\$22,560
Recovery - Nov. 19, 1999 through Nov. 14, 2000	(\$3,414)
Deferred Gas Cost Account Balance	\$22,810
Estimated L.P. Sales (gallons) - 12 months ended October 2001	112,000
Actual Cost Adjustment (Per Gallon)	\$0.20366

LACLEDE GAS COMPANY  
Derivation of Total Refund Factors  
Effective 11/15/00

Effective Date Of Refund Distribution	Firm Sales	Interruptible Sales	Firm Transportation	Basic Transportation- Firm Sales Prior to 11/15/89	Basic Transportation- Other
11/19/99	\$0.00224	\$0.00000	\$0.00000	\$0.00000	\$0.00157
Total @ 4/18/00	\$0.00224	\$0.00000	\$0.00000	\$0.00000	\$0.00157
(Less): 11/19/99	(\$0.00224)	\$-0.00000	\$-0.00000	\$-0.00000	(\$0.00157)
Plus: 11/15/00	\$0.00025	\$0.00000	\$0.00000	\$0.00000	\$0.00000
Total @ 11/15/00	\$0.00025	\$0.00000	\$0.00000	\$0.00000	\$0.00000

LACLEDE GAS COMPANY  
REFUND FACTOR SUMMARY  
NOV 15, 2000 FACTORS

Refund Component -----	Firm Sales -----	Interruptible Sales -----	Firm Transportation -----	Basic Transportation- Firm Sales Prior to 11/15/89 -----	Basic Transportation Other -----
Combined Carryover	\$0.00000	\$0.00000	\$0.00000	\$0.00000	\$0.00000
Demand	\$0.00006		\$0.00005		
Take-Or-Pay- 6/1/88-11/14/89	\$0.00000		\$0.00000	\$0.00000	
Take-Or-Pay 5/89 & After	\$0.00000	\$0.00000	\$0.00000	\$0.00000	\$0.00000
Commodity	\$0.00000	\$0.00000			
Other Non-Commodity	\$0.00019	\$0.00019			
Adjustment		(\$0.00019)	(\$0.00005)	\$0.00000	
Total	----- \$0.00025 =====	----- \$0.00000 =====	----- \$0.00000 =====	----- \$0.00000 =====	----- \$0.00000 =====

LACLEDE GAS COMPANY  
COMPUTATION OF UNIT REFUND FACTORS  
EFFECTIVE NOV 15, 2000

	Demand	Take-Or-Pay 6/1/88-11/14/89	Take-Or-Pay 1/15/89 & After	Commodity		Other Non-Commodity	Total
				Firm	Interruptible		
Carryover Balance From Previous Refunds							
	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
							\$0.00
				\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00
							\$0.00
							\$0.00
							\$0.00
s/t	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
New Refunds					\$0.00		\$0.00
		\$0.00	\$0.00				\$0.00
January 5, 2000	\$439.03						\$439.03
February 29, 2000	\$46,005.00			\$0.00	0		\$46,005.00
August 14, 2000						\$142,597.00	\$142,597.00
September , 2000				\$2,190.30	\$18.07		\$2,208.37
s/t	\$46,444.03	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,190.30	\$18.07	\$142,597.00	\$191,249.40
Estimated Interest	3,795.33	0.00	0.00	87.10	0.72	6,562.34	\$10,445.49
Total Refunds	\$50,239.36	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,277.40	\$18.79	\$149,159.34	\$201,694.89
12 Mo. 10/01 Therms (Est.)	866,878,000 Firm Sales & Transportation	Firm Sales, Transportation Transportation ers Who Were ales Customers rior To 11/15/89	All Sales & Transportation	797,593,000 Firm Sales	6,580,000 Seasonal & Interruptible Sales	804,173,000 All Sales	
Refund Factor Per Therm	\$0.00006	\$0.00000	\$0.00000	\$0.00000	\$0.00000	\$0.00019	
	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	
	Factor						
Firm Sales	\$0.00006 1.0177	\$0.00006					
Firm Transportation	\$0.00006 0.8	\$0.00005					