

LACLEDE GAS COMPANY  
720 OLIVE STREET  
ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI 63101

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VICE PRESIDENT - FINANCE

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Mr. David L. Rauch  
Executive Secretary  
Missouri Public Service  
Commission  
P.O. Box 360  
Jefferson City, Missouri 65102

MISSOURI  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Dear Mr. Rauch:

Transmitted herewith for filing with the Public Service Commission are the original and fourteen (14) copies of revised tariff sheets which set forth revised rate schedules for all of the operating divisions of Laclede Gas Company. There is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference Exhibit No. 1, which Exhibit contains a listing and designation of: (1) the revised tariff sheets; and (2) such of the tariff sheets which are presently on file with the Commission that are to be cancelled. Also transmitted herewith is an Application for Variance from the submission date requirements of 4 CSR 240-40.040(6)(B)2 regarding depreciation study and data base submission.

The charges contained in the revised tariff sheets are designed to produce an increase of approximately \$27.1 million annually in the revenue of the Company, exclusive of associated taxes, an increase of 5.3%. The proposed rate increase is necessary to offset generally higher operating costs and the added costs of operating, maintaining and financing the investment in new facilities installed over the past two years. This includes the additional investment and increased investment risk that has been imposed on gas distribution companies by the gas industry restructuring mandated by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

The proposed revenue increase has been allocated uniformly to each presently effective rate schedule based on the amount of non-gas charges contained in such schedules. As such, the increase, expressed as a percentage of total revenues, will vary by rate schedule. The effect of the proposed general rate increase on the Company's residential customers would be to raise the bill of a typical residential customer who uses gas for heating by an average of \$3.12 per month. The Company also proposes to reduce the interest rate paid on customer surety deposits from 9% to 6%.

The allocated increase within each rate schedule is recovered partially through increases in customer charges. For the General Service and Seasonal Air Conditioning rates, the customer charge for Residential customers and Commercial and Industrial customers is proposed to be increased to \$11.00 and \$12.30 per month, respectively. The Company proposes to increase the customer charge for the Large Volume and Interruptible rates to \$450. The customer charge for the Large Volume Transportation and Sales rate is proposed to be increased to \$750. The remainder of the Company's proposed rate increase will be recovered through increased per therm charges, which will vary by rate schedule, as well as through increases in demand or reservation charges, where applicable. Additional information regarding the proposed general rate increase and other proposed changes is contained in Exhibit No. 2 provided herewith pursuant to 4 CSR 240-10.070(3)(B) and 4 CSR 240-40.010(5).

The Company understands, as should all other interested parties, that the Commission's review of the aforementioned rate design could result in a substantial change, from the manner proposed in this filing, in the way in which the Company's proposed rate increase may be allocated among and within the Company's various rate classes.

The Company is also subject to certain costs that may be most appropriately addressed through one or more accounting authority orders that would permit the Company to defer and recover such costs at a later date. The Company will present evidence in this proceeding with respect to the impact of such costs and the appropriate treatment thereof by the Commission.

The revised tariff sheets filed herewith contain an issue date of January 14, 1994 with a proposed effective date of February 14, 1994.

Pursuant to 4 CSR 240-10.070(3), Laclede will, under separate cover, serve two (2) copies of this filing on the Office of the Public Counsel.

Very truly yours,



Robert J. Carroll  
Vice President - Finance and  
Chief Financial Officer

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Enclosures

cc: Office of the Public Counsel (2)

**LACLEDE GAS COMPANY**

**Listing and Designation of Revised Tariff Sheets  
Issued January 14, 1994**

**Applicable To All Divisions Of Laclede Gas Company**

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## SCHEDULE OF RATES

GENERAL SERVICE

Availability - This rate schedule is available for all gas service rendered by the Company, including space heating service.

Rate - The monthly charge shall consist of a customer charge plus a charge for gas used as set forth below:

Customer Charge - per month

Residential	\$11.00
Commercial and Industrial	\$12.30

	Summer (May-Oct.)	Winter (Nov.-Apr.)
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Charge For Gas Used - per therm

For the first 65 therms used per month	41.062¢	43.562¢
For all therms used in excess of 65 therms	39.062¢	41.562¢

Minimum Monthly Charge - The Customer Charge.

Purchased Gas Adjustment - The charge for gas used as specified in this schedule shall be subject to an adjustment per therm for increases and decreases in the Company's cost of purchased gas, as set out on Sheet No. 29. The above tariff rates are based on wholesale gas rates which produce a system average gas cost of 28.489¢ per therm.

Late Payment Charge - Unless otherwise required by law or other regulation, 1.5% will be added to the outstanding balance of all bills not paid by the delinquent date stated on the bill. The late payment charge will not be applied to amounts being collected through a pre-arranged payment agreement with the Company that is kept up-to-date.

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## SCHEDULE OF RATES

SEASONAL AIR CONDITIONING SERVICE

Availability - This rate schedule is available for all gas service to air conditioning customers during the six consecutive billing months of May through October, provided that the quantity of gas used during such period for air conditioning purposes is at least twice the quantity of gas used for all other purposes during such period. All gas used by the customer for the balance of the year shall be billed under the General Service rate.

Rate - The monthly charge shall consist of a customer charge plus a charge for gas used as set forth below:

Customer Charge - per month

Residential	\$11.00
Commercial and Industrial	\$12.30

Charge For Gas Used - per therm

For the first 65 therms used per month	36.143¢
For all therms used in excess of 65 therms	34.143¢

Minimum Monthly Charge - The Customer Charge.

Purchased Gas Adjustment - The charge for gas used as specified in this schedule shall be subject to an adjustment per therm for increases and decreases in the Company's cost of purchased gas, as set out on Sheet No. 29. The above tariff rates are based on wholesale gas rates which produce a system average gas cost of 23.570¢ per therm.

Late Payment Charge - Unless otherwise required by law or other regulation, 1.5% will be added to the outstanding balance of all bills not paid by the delinquent date stated on the bill. The late payment charge will not be applied to amounts being collected through a pre-arranged payment agreement with the Company that is kept up-to-date.

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## SCHEDULE OF RATES

LARGE VOLUME SERVICE

Availability - Service under this rate schedule is available for qualifying firm gas uses including cogeneration and for boiler plant use where gas is the exclusive boiler plant fuel. Service under this rate schedule is available to customers contracting for separately metered gas service for a minimum term of one year with a billing demand equal to, or greater than, 250 therms and an annual usage equal to, or greater than 60,000 therms.

Rate - The monthly charge shall consist of a customer charge, a demand charge, and a commodity charge as set forth below:

Customer Charge - per month	\$450
Demand Charge - per billing demand therm	52¢
Commodity Charge - for all therms used per month - per therm	29.931¢

Minimum Monthly Charge - The Customer Charge plus the Demand Charge.

Terms of Payment - Customer's monthly bills will be computed at both the net and gross rates. Gross rates will be two percent (2%) higher than net rates. The net bill is payable on or prior to due date stated thereon. After this date, the gross bill is payable.

Purchased Gas Adjustment - The charge for gas used as specified in this schedule shall be subject to an adjustment per therm for increases and decreases in the Company's cost of purchased gas, as set out on Sheet No. 29. The above tariff rates are based on wholesale gas rates which produce a system average gas cost of 28.489¢ per therm.

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## SCHEDULE OF RATES

INTERRUPTIBLE SERVICE

Under certain conditions, and from time to time, the Company has excess gas to sell. When the Company has such gas available for resale, it will make short-term contracts for the sale thereof.

Availability - This rate schedule is available to customers contracting for separately metered interruptible gas service for a minimum term of one year with a demand equal to, or greater than, 10,000 cubic feet per hour.

Net Rate - The monthly charge shall consist of a customer charge and a commodity charge as set forth below:

Customer Charge - per month	\$450
Commodity Charge	
First 100,000 therms - per month - per therm	30.842¢
Over 100,000 therms - per month - per therm	29.176¢

Charge For Gas Used During Interruption

All gas used during any period of interruption -  
per therm 59.454¢

Minimum Monthly Charge - The Customer Charge.

Purchased Gas Adjustment - The charge for gas used as specified in this schedule shall be subject to an adjustment per therm for increases and decreases in the Company's cost of purchased gas, as set out on Sheet No. 29. The above tariff rates are based on wholesale gas rates which produce a system average gas cost of 23.570¢ per therm.

Late Payment Charge - Unless otherwise required by law or other regulation, 1.5% will be added to the outstanding balance of all bills not paid by the delinquent date stated on the bill. The late payment charge will not be applied to amounts being collected through a pre-arranged payment agreement with the Company that is kept up-to-date.

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GENERAL L.P. GAS SERVICE

Availability - This rate schedule is available for L.P. gas service to those customers located in subdivisions in the Company's certificated area where natural gas is not available, where the subdivision developer is willing to construct the subdivision so as to make it fully adapted to such service and the later conversion to natural gas and where a central L.P. gas system is determined by the Company to be feasible.

<u>Rate</u> - Customer Charge - per month	\$10.00
For all gallons used per month - per gallon	56.862¢

Minimum Monthly Charge - The Customer Charge.

Purchased Gas Adjustment

(A) The above charges shall be subject to an adjustment per gallon by the amount by which the price paid by the Company for L.P. Gas is above or below a basic price of 43.21¢ per gallon. Such adjustments shall be fully effective concurrent with any changes in the Company's Purchased Gas Adjustment factors for natural gas service and materials supporting such L.P. Gas Adjustments shall be included in the Company's PGA filings with the Commission.

(B) Whenever the actual prices paid by the Company for L.P. Gas differ from the price upon which its then effective adjustment is predicated, the amount of increased or decreased L.P. Gas cost resulting from such difference in price shall be debited or credited to a Deferred Purchased L.P. Gas Cost account. The cumulative balance of such deferred account entries for the same period set out in Paragraph C. 6 of the Company's PGA Clause shall be divided by the estimated amount of L.P. Gas gallons to be sold during the succeeding 12 billing months beginning with November and the resulting deferred cost per gallon shall be applied as a Deferred L.P. Gas Adjustment for said succeeding 12 billing months and shall increase or decrease the adjustments determined pursuant to Paragraph A hereof. All increases or decreases in charges resulting from the deferred adjustment shall be appropriately recorded in the Deferred L.P. Gas Cost account.

The current level of the adjustment factors described in (A) and (B) above are set out on Sheet No. 29.

Late Payment Charge - Unless otherwise required by law or other regulation, 1.5% will be added to the outstanding balance of all bills not paid by the delinquent date stated on the bill. The late payment charge will not be applied to amounts being collected through a pre-arranged payment agreement with the Company that is kept up-to-date.

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**UNMETERED GAS LIGHT SERVICE**

**Availability** - This rate schedule is available, subject to the special provisions included herein, to customers who contract for service thereunder for a minimum term of one year for unmetered gas to be used solely for the continuous operation of gas lights.

**Rate**

Customer Charge - \$3.50 per month

For lights equipped with mantle units with an hourly input rating of 3 cubic feet or less per mantle unit:

Each initial mantle unit per light - \$8.81 per month

Each additional mantle unit per light - \$7.31 per month

For open flame lights or lights equipped with mantle units with an hourly input rating in excess of 3 cubic feet per mantle unit:

First 3 cubic feet of hourly input rating per light - \$8.81 per month

Each additional 3 cubic feet of hourly input rating or fraction thereof per light - \$7.31 per month

**Purchased Gas Adjustment** - The charge for gas used as specified in this schedule shall be subject to an adjustment per therm for increases and decreases in the Company's cost of purchased gas, as set out on Sheet No. 29; and such adjustment per therm shall be applied on the basis of an average consumption of 19.7 therms per month per mantle unit. The above tariff rates are based on wholesale gas rates which produce a system average gas cost of 28.489¢ per therm.

**Late Payment Charge** - Unless otherwise required by law or other regulation, 1.5% will be added to the outstanding balance of all bills not paid by the delinquent date stated on the bill. The late payment charge will not be applied to amounts being collected through a pre-arranged payment agreement with the Company that is kept up-to-date.

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AMENDMENT TO SPECIAL CONTRACTS

Charges for gas service rendered by Laclede Gas Company to various customers pursuant to gas sales and transportation contracts on file with the Missouri Public Service Commission are hereby amended as follows:

Southwestern Bell Telephone Company - contract dated August 17, 1982, as amended.

Base Monthly Charge	\$440
Monthly Demand Charge - per billing demand therm per month	37¢
Base Commodity Charge - per therm	31.899¢

Special Partial Requirements Large Volume Gas Contracts

Customer Charge - per month	\$450
Demand Charge - per billing demand therm	52¢
Base Commodity Charge - per therm	29.931¢

Purchased Gas Adjustment - The charge for any gas sales pursuant to the above contracts shall be subject to an adjustment per therm for increases and decreases in the Company's cost of purchased gas, as set out on Sheet No. 29. The above tariff rates are based on wholesale gas rates which produce a system average gas cost of 28.489¢ per therm.

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BILLING OF LICENSE, OCCUPATION, OR  
OTHER SIMILAR CHARGES OR TAXES

There shall be added to the Customer's bill, as a separate item, an amount equal to any license, occupation, or other similar charge or tax now or hereafter imposed upon the Company, whether imposed by ordinance or franchise or otherwise, applicable to gas service by the Company to the Customer.

Where such charge or tax is imposed as a percentage of gross or net receipts or revenues from sales of gas, the amount of such charge or tax applicable to gas service to a Customer shall be determined by applying the rate imposed by the taxing authority.

Where such charge or tax is not imposed as a percentage of gross or net receipts or revenues from sales of gas, the amount of such charge or tax applicable to gas service to a Customer shall be determined by dividing the amount of the tax or charge applicable to the billing month by the number of Customers of the Company within the jurisdiction of the taxing authority billed during the previous billing month.

Where more than one such charge or tax is imposed by a taxing authority, the total of such charges or taxes applicable to a Customer may be billed to the Customer as a single amount.

Charges or taxes referred to in this schedule shall in all instances be billed to Customers on the basis of Company rates effective at the time of billing. There shall be returned or credited to Customers, in accordance with the Purchased Gas Adjustment Clause contained in Sheet Nos. 15 through 23, inclusive, that part of such charges or taxes which is collected from Customers but is not paid by the Company to taxing authorities because of refunds which the Company may receive and subsequently does receive from the Company's suppliers and which refunds are returned or credited to the Company's Customers.

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Tariffs and (b) such gas is available for delivery to the Company under the terms of an existing transportation service arrangement; or (2) temporarily suspend gas transportation hereunder. The Company's right to purchase gas owned by a customer shall be exercised by the Company only after the Company has exhausted reasonable efforts to obtain the necessary gas supplies from other sources. Such right shall terminate once the gas supplies available to the Company from other sources are sufficient to serve the needs of the higher priority customers on whose behalf the purchase of customer-owned gas by the Company was made. The price to be paid by the Company for gas purchased under this provision shall be equal to the Customer's then current thermally equivalent cost of alternate fuel, or the then current thermally equivalent cost of #2 fuel oil as posted in The Oil Daily newspaper for the St. Louis area, whichever cost is the lowest.

5. Authorized Overrun Provision - When requested by the Customer, and authorized by the Company in its sole discretion, the Customer's DSQ on any day may be increased to a level not to exceed 110% of the currently effective billing demand, without causing an increase in such billing demand.

C. RATES

The monthly charge shall consist of the charges set forth below:

Customer Charge - per month .....	\$750
Reservation Charge - per billing demand therm .....	52¢
Transportation Charge - per therm transported .....	1.442¢
Commodity Charge - per therm sold .....	29.931¢
Storage Charge-per therm for any full or partial month	0.50¢
Authorized Overrun Charge - per therm transported.....	4.382¢

Minimum Monthly Charge - The sum of the Customer Charge and the Demand Charge.

Additional Transportation Charges - For all therms transported on either Basic or Firm Service, the Transportation Charge and Authorized Overrun Charge shall be increased to include the currently effective level of any take-or-pay related (TOP) charge and other non-commodity related gas cost charge per therm as set out on Sheet No. 29. For Firm Service, the Transportation Charge shall be further increased to include the then currently effective level of the pipeline demand gas cost (or capacity reservation charge) per therm as set out on Sheet No. 29. Such additional transportation charges shall be included in the determination of gas cost revenue recovery described in Section C of the Company's Purchased Gas Adjustment Clause.

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5.2 At least five (5) working days prior to the first day of each month, the Customer or its designee shall furnish to the Company a schedule, showing the DSQ of gas the customer desires the Company to receive and transport for each day during such month. Any change in the Customer's DSQ schedule shall only pertain to the remaining days in the then current month, and the Customer shall give the Company at least forty-eight (48) hours notice, excluding weekends and holidays, prior to the effective day of any such DSQ schedule change, or such shorter notice as may be agreed to by the Company. Such changes shall be kept to a minimum, as permitted by operating conditions, and the Customer and the Company shall cooperate diligently to this end. The Company and the Customer shall inform each other of any other changes of receipts or deliveries immediately. Telephonic notice is acceptable for such DSQ scheduling changes; provided, such notices are followed within twenty-four (24) hours, excluding weekends and holidays, by written notice.

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## RULES AND REGULATIONS

3. Applications

An application for service will be required of each customer. Such application shall contain the information necessary to determine the type of service required by the customer, the condition under which service will be rendered, and such credit information as the Company may require. The customer will elect which of the applicable rates is best suited to his requirements. Upon request the Company will assist the customer in making such election. Company does not guarantee that customer will be served under the most favorable rate at all times, and will not be held responsible to notify customers of the most advantageous rate. No refund will be made representing the differences in charge under different rates applicable to the same class of service. Company may require that the application or contract for service be in writing.

4. Rate Changes

The customer shall agree to notify Company promptly in writing of any material changes in his installation or load condition. Upon such notification, Company will assist in determining if a change in rate schedules is appropriate or required. Not more than one optional change in rate schedules will be made within any twelve-month period unless the customer experienced a substantial change in the equipment in which the gas is used.

5. Deposits

The Company may require a deposit or suitable guarantee from any customer to assure prompt payment of bills as they mature, equivalent to an estimated 60 days' bill with a minimum of \$5.00. Interest shall be paid on such deposits at a rate of 6% per annum compounded annually. Deposits and accrued interest, or release of guarantee, shall be refunded after the customer has established a satisfactory payment record for a period of 12 consecutive months or upon termination or discontinuance of service. As of the date of termination or discontinuance of service, the deposit and accrued interest shall be applied to the final bill and the balance, if any, returned promptly to the customer. Company shall have a reasonable period of time in which to read its meters, compute the final bill and to ascertain that the obligations of the customer have been fully performed. Such application of deposit and accrued interest to the payment of unpaid

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STATEMENT OF AGGREGATE ANNUAL INCREASE

The aggregate annual increase requested by this rate filing is \$27.1 million. This is the amount of the increase requested for rates only, and does not include the amount of Gross Receipts Taxes which will be applied thereto. The additional annual revenue represents a 5.3% increase over the revenues produced by application of current rates as of January 1, 1994.



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GENERAL INFORMATION  
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COMMUNITIES AFFECTED BY FILING

City of St. Louis  
Annapolis  
Arnold  
Ballwin  
Bella Villa  
Bellevue  
Bellerive  
Bel Nor  
Bel Ridge  
Berkeley  
Beverly Hills  
Black Jack  
Bonne Terre  
Breckenridge Hills  
Brentwood  
Bridgeton  
Calverton Park  
Champ Village  
Charlack  
Chesterfield  
Clarkson Valley  
Clayton  
Cool Valley  
Cottleville  
Country Club Hills  
Country Life Acres  
Crestwood  
Creve Coeur  
Crystal City  
Crystal Lake Park  
Dardenne Prairie  
Dellwood  
Desloge  
De Soto  
Des Peres  
Edmundson  
Ellisville

Eureka  
Farmington  
Fenton  
Ferguson  
Festus  
Flordell Hills  
Florissant  
Fredericktown  
Frontenac  
Glendale  
Glen Echo Park  
Grantwood Village  
Greendale  
Hanley Hills  
Hazelwood  
Herculaneum  
Hillsboro  
Hillsdale  
Huntleigh  
Jennings  
Kinloch  
Kirkwood  
Ladue  
Lake St. Louis  
Lakeshire  
Leadington  
Leadwood  
Mackenzie  
Manchester  
Maplewood  
Marlborough  
Maryland Heights  
Moline Acres  
Normandy  
Northwoods  
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Oakland

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**O'Fallon  
Olivette  
Overland  
Pacific  
Pagedale  
Park Hills  
Parkway  
Pasadena Hills  
Pasadena Park  
Pevely  
Pilot Knob  
Pine Lawn  
Poplar Bluff  
Richmond Heights  
Riverview  
Rock Hill  
St. Ann  
St. Charles  
St. Clair  
Ste. Genevieve  
St. George  
St. John  
St. Peters**

**Shrewsbury  
Sunset Hills  
Sycamore Hills  
Town & Country  
Twin Oaks  
Union  
University City  
Uplands Park  
Valley Park  
Velda City  
Velda Village Hills  
Vinita Park  
Vinita Terrace  
Warson Woods  
Washington  
Webster Groves  
Weldon Spring  
Wellston  
Wentzville  
Westwood  
Wilbur Park  
Winchester  
Woodson Terrace**

**COUNTIES AFFECTED BY FILING**

**Butler County  
Crawford County  
Franklin County  
Iron County  
Jefferson County  
Madison County  
St. Charles County  
St. Francois County  
Ste. Genevieve County  
St. Louis County**

**LACLEDE GAS COMPANY**  
**Number of Customers Affected by General**  
**Category of Service and Rate Classification**  
**November, 1993**

**Residential**

General	565,142
Seasonal Air Conditioning	- (1)
General L.P. Gas	365
Total Residential	<u>565,507</u>

**Commercial**

General	35,330
Seasonal Air Conditioning	- (1)
General L.P. Gas	3
Unmetered Gas Light	131
Large Volume	39
Interruptible	6
Large Volume Transportation and Sales Service	33
Total Commercial	<u>35,542</u>

**Industrial**

General	1,932
Seasonal Air Conditioning	- (1)
Large Volume	66
Interruptible	7
Large Volume Transportation and Sales Service	81
Total Industrial	<u>2,086</u>

**Special Contract - SWBT** 1

**Total** 603,136

(1) Seasonal Air Conditioning Service customers are served under the General Service rate schedule in the winter months of November through April. The following number of such customers were served under the General Service rate schedule in November, 1993:

Residential	1,046
Commercial	77
Industrial	2

**LACLEDE GAS COMPANY**  
**Average Annual Change Requested in Dollars**  
**and Percentage Change from Current Rates**

	<u>Average Annual Change</u>	<u>Percentage Change</u>
<b><u>Residential</u></b>		
General	\$37	5.8%
Seasonal Air Conditioning	38 (1)	7.1%
General L.P. Gas	30	4.8%
Average Residential	\$37	5.8%
<b><u>Commercial</u></b>		
General	\$117	4.2%
Seasonal Air Conditioning	814 (1)	4.9%
General L.P. Gas	162	2.6%
Unmetered Gas Light	28	5.0%
Large Volume	3,186	2.5%
Interruptible	5,460	3.2%
Large Volume Transportation and Sales Service	8,475	6.6%
Average Commercial	\$132	4.1%
<b><u>Industrial</u></b>		
General	\$392	3.8%
Seasonal Air Conditioning	93 (1)	5.4%
Large Volume	2,474	2.3%
Interruptible	3,308	3.4%
Large Volume Transportation and Sales Service	10,113	7.0%
Average Industrial	\$852	4.5%
<b>Special Contract – SWBT</b>	<b>\$4,945</b>	<b>2.9%</b>

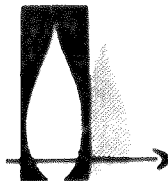
(1) Average change represents an annualized impact. Seasonal Air Conditioning customers are served under this rate schedule during the summer months only. During the winter months, such customers are served under the General Service rate schedule.

**LACLEDE GAS COMPANY**  
**Proposed Annual Aggregate Change and**  
**Percentage Change in Revenues from Current Rates**

	<u>Annual Aggregate Change</u>	<u>Percentage Change</u>
<b><u>Residential</u></b>		
General	\$20,631,806	5.8%
Seasonal Air Conditioning	20,170	7.1%
General L.P. Gas	10,777	4.8%
Total Residential	<u>\$20,662,753</u>	5.8%
<b><u>Commercial</u></b>		
General	\$4,064,360	4.2%
Seasonal Air Conditioning	32,232	4.9%
General L.P. Gas	541	2.6%
Unmetered Gas Light	3,665	5.0%
Large Volume	188,505	2.5%
Interruptible	37,767	3.2%
Large Volume Transportation and Sales Service	292,398	6.6%
Total Commercial	<u>\$4,619,468</u>	4.1%
<b><u>Industrial</u></b>		
General	\$751,662	3.8%
Seasonal Air Conditioning	93	5.4%
Large Volume	175,225	2.3%
Interruptible	23,159	3.4%
Large Volume Transportation and Sales Service	819,184	7.0%
Total Industrial	<u>\$1,769,323</u>	4.5%
<b>Special Contract -- SWBT</b>	<u>\$4,945</u>	2.9%
<b>Total</b>	<u><u>\$27,056,489</u></u>	5.3%

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## LACLEDE GAS FILES WITH MPSC FOR A RATE INCREASE OF \$27.1 MILLION

Authorization Would Raise the Average Monthly Bill of a  
Typical Residential Customer Who Uses Gas for Heating by \$3.12

Laclede Gas Company today filed a request with the Missouri Public Service Commission for an annual rate increase amounting to \$27.1 million. The proposed increase would raise a typical residential heating customer's bill by an average of \$3.12 a month.

The effect of this filing is not anticipated to result in higher general rate levels during the current heating season inasmuch as the Missouri Public Service Commission usually suspends the implementation of general rate increases until the Company's filing has been thoroughly audited and reviewed.

Mr. Richard N. Hargraves, Manager, Public Relations and Advertising, said that the proposed rate increase is necessary to offset generally higher operating costs and the added costs of operating, maintaining and financing the investment in new facilities installed over the past two years. This includes the additional investment and increased investment risk that has been imposed on gas distribution companies by the gas industry restructuring mandated by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

Laclede last filed for a general rate increase on January 14, 1992, which resulted in an increase, effective September 1, 1992, of \$13.5 million per year.

REASONS FOR PROPOSED RATE AND TARIFF CHANGES

The Company's proposed rate increase is necessary to offset generally higher operating costs and the added costs of operating, maintaining and financing the investment in new facilities installed over the past two years. This includes the additional investment and increased investment risk that has been imposed on gas distribution companies by the gas industry restructuring mandated by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. Changes to other tariff sheets of the Company and reasons in support of such changes are as follows:

Sheet No. 8 was revised, in addition to the revised rates on such sheet, to correct the paragraph reference within Paragraph B of the Purchased Gas Adjustment section in Sheet No. 8. Such revision was necessary to conform to the revision to the PGA Clause which became effective November 1, 1993. Such revision will have no effect on the Company's revenues.

Sheet No. 14 was revised to correct the page reference to the Company's Purchased Gas Adjustment ("PGA") Clause. Such revision was necessary to conform to the revision to the PGA Clause which became effective November 1, 1993. Such revision will have no effect on the Company's revenues.

Sheet No. 40 was revised to clarify that the forty-eight (48) hour and twenty-four (24) hour notice requirements pertaining to a change in a transportation customer's Daily Scheduled Quantity does not include weekends and holidays, consistent with the Company's practice regarding such notice. Such change will have no effect on the Company's revenues.

Sheet No. R-5 was revised to lower the interest rate paid on customer deposits from 9% to 6% per year due to the decrease in interest rates since 1980 when the present rate was established. Such change will reduce the Company's revenues by \$128,000 annually.