### STATE OF MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

At a session of the Public Service Commission held at its office in Jefferson City on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2017.

In the Matter of the Proposed Change to	)	
Laclede Gas Company's General Rule	)	File No. GT-2017-0312
And Regulations Fifth Revised Tariff	)	Tracking No. JG-2017-0248
Sheet No. R-13.	)	-

## ORDER APPROVING REVISED TARIFF SHEET AND MOTION FOR EXPEDITED TREATMENT

Issue Date: June 7, 2017 Effective Date: June 14, 2017

On May 25, 2017, Laclede Gas Company ("Laclede" or the "Company") submitted a revised Tariff Sheet No. R-13 (hereinafter, "Revised Reconnection Tariff") with a June 25, 2017 effective date. Laclede also filed a Motion for Expedited Treatment requesting a June 14, 2017 effective date for the Revised Reconnection Tariff (assigned Tracking No. JG-2017-0248). Laclede states that during the months of April and May 2017, approximately 600 of its customers lost natural gas service due to extreme flooding in the St. Louis metropolitan and Poplar Bluffs areas. Because of the severe property damage, service for some customers was not restored for over a week. Approximately 110 customers remain without service due to property damage resulting from the flooding.

Laclede's Revised Reconnection Tariff adds language to clarify that neither a service initiation fee nor a reconnection charge will apply to customers who restore natural gas service within a year of losing service due to property damage resulting from

flooding during April and May 2017. Laclede states that expedited approval will avoid harm by providing a measure of economic relief to customers impacted by the recent flooding. The Company points out that the public will not be harmed by the request since Laclede alone will bear the loss of any revenue from not applying the charges.

On May 26, 2017, the Commission issued an order that directed the Staff of the Commission to file a recommendation; set a deadline for responses to Staff's recommendation; and set a deadline for the filing of objections to Laclede's motion. On May 31, 2017, Staff submitted a recommendation that the Commission approve the Revised Reconnection Tariff and Laclede's request for a June 14, 2017 effective date. No other responses were received. The Commission will approve the Revised Reconnection Tariff.

Absent a finding by the Commission of good cause, Section 393.140(11), RSMo 2016, requires a gas corporation provide at least thirty days' notice before changing its rates and charges. Since no objections were filed and an earlier effective date may assist customers impacted by the recent flooding, the Commission finds good cause exists to allow the Revised Reconnection Tariff to go into effect on June 14, 2017.

### THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

- 1. Laclede Gas Company's Motion for Expedited Treatment is granted.
- 2. The following tariff sheet, assigned Tracking No. JG-2017-0248, filed by Laclede Gas Company on May 25, 2017, is approved to become effective on June 14, 2017:

P.S.C. MO. No. 5 Consolidated
5th Revised Sheet No. R-13, CANCELLING 4th Revised Sheet No. R-13

- 3. This order shall become effective on June 14, 2017.
- 4. This file shall close on June 17, 2017.

### BY THE COMMISSION



Morris L. Woodruff Secretary

Hall, Chm., Stoll, Kenney, Rupp, and Coleman, concur.

Burton, Senior Regulatory Law Judge.

### STATE OF MISSOURI

### OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

I have compared the preceding copy with the original on file in this office and I do hereby certify the same to be a true copy therefrom and the whole thereof.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the Public Service Commission, at Jefferson City, Missouri, this 7<sup>th</sup> day of June 2017.

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Morris L. Woodruff

**Secretary** 

# MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION June 7, 2017

#### File/Case No. GT-2017-0312

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Enclosed find a certified copy of an Order or Notice issued in the above-referenced matter(s).

Sincerely,

Morris L. Woodruff

Secretary

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