

formerly The Laclede Group

Spire Inc. 700 Market Street St. Louis, MO 6310

October 25, 2016

VIA EFIS Secretary Missouri Public Service Commission Governor Office Building 200 Madison Street Jefferson City, MO 65101

Dear Secretary,

Enclosed for filing is <u>P.S.C. MO. No. 5 Consolidated</u>, <u>Fifth Revised Tariff Sheet No. R-56</u> of Laclede Gas Company ("Company"). This revised tariff sheet, which has an issue date of October 25, 2016 and an effective date of November 24, 2016, is being filed to make a temporary modification to the Company's Low-Income Energy Affordability Program.

The Company has also filed on this date a Motion for Expedited Treatment requesting that the tariff be allowed to go into effect by November 4, 2016.

Please bring this filing to the attention of the appropriate Commission personnel.

Sincerely,	
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/s/L. Craig Dowdy	_

P.S.C. MO. No. 5 Consolidated, Fifth Revised Sheet No. R-56 CANCELLING P.S.C. MO. No. 5 Consolidated, Fourth Revised Sheet No. R-56

Laclede Gas Company	For	Refer to Sheet No. R-1
Name of Issuing Corporation or Municipality		Community, Town or City

RULES AND REGULATIONS

36. <u>Low-Income Energy Affordability Program (continued)</u>

- 11. Neither the Bill Payment Assistance Program nor the ARP will affect any of the provisions of the Cold Weather Rule, including the initial payment requirements thereunder; provided, however, that the monthly amounts due after deducting Bill Payment Assistances may be substituted in lieu of the monthly budget plan payments due under the Cold Weather Rule and in section 10(B) of the Company's tariff under the Cold Weather Maintenance of Service. No credit refunds shall be issued by the Company to a participant enrolled in the ARP or the Bill Payment Assistance Program for the life of the Program period.
- 12. Program tracking information will be collected by Laclede and the CAAs provided in Attachment 3 to the Stipulation and Agreement in GR-2007-0208; provided, however, that customers who opt out of levelized billing will be separated for information tracking purposes.
- 13. Any disagreement as to the interpretation or implementation of any of the foregoing items may be taken to the Commission for a decision.
- 14. On an experimental basis and for the period ending March 31, 2017, a portion of the program funds for the 2016/2017 program year, not to exceed \$400,000, may be reallocated (thereby reducing on a dollar for dollar basis the amount available under the program for that year) to provide a one-time bill credit of 30% of existing arrearages to those qualifying customers who are required to pay 80% of their existing arrearages in order to restore or maintain service under the provisions of the Commission's Cold Weather Rule. Until such time as the \$400,000 amount is exhausted, such credit shall be made to eligible customers on whose behalf a pledge is made by a participating CAA that, together with any payment by the customer, equals 50% of the customer's existing arrearages, provided that the customer has a household income equal to or less than 150% of the FPL. No customer shall receive a credit pursuant to this provision greater than \$400 or, in the case of a registered elderly or registered disabled customer, greater than \$800. The provision of such a credit shall not preclude a participating customer from also being a participant in the Bill Payment Assistance Program or affect the customer's rights and obligations under the Cold Weather Rule. Any amounts not reallocated as bill credits under this paragraph shall remain available under the Low-Income Energy Affordability Program. All customers participating in this one-time bill credit Program will be required to register with a CAA, apply for any energy assistance funds for which they might be eligible, and review and agree to implement cost-free, self-help energy conservation measures identified by the CAA. In addition, the CAAs will provide customers with basic budgeting information, as well as information about other potential sources of income such as the Earned Income Tax Credit. The CAA may use household registration from other assistance programs to determine eligibility for the Program.

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	Month Day	Year		Month Day	Year	
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