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KENNETH J. NEISES SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT ENERGY & ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

February 14, 2001

VIA HAND DELIVERY

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

RE:

Laclede Gas Company
Case No. GR-2601-387

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-Fourth 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 February 14, 2001 and an effective date of March 1, 2001, is being filed in conjunction with the accompanying *Motion For Waiver To Make A Second Unscheduled Winter Purchased Gas Adjustment Filing*. The Company's proposed Purchased Gas Adjustment ("PGA") rates, which will be made effective on a pro-rata basis, reflect a change only to the Current Purchased Gas Adjustment ("CPGA") component of the Company's PGA factors.

The reduced PGA factors reflected in this filing are made possible by both the Commission's February 13, 2001 order in Case No. GO-2000-394 in which the Commission encouraged the Company to expedite the flow-through to ratepayers of the financial benefits of the Company's Price Stabilization Program ("PSP") and the unexpected drop in wellhead natural gas prices that has occurred since the Company made its first Unscheduled Winter PGA filing on January 12, 2001. Even though the Company's PSP tariff does not provide for any PSP benefits to be flowed-through to customers until the implementation of the Company's subsequent Winter PGA rates, the rates proposed herein are designed to flow-through a substantial amount of such benefits during the remainder of the winter season. The results of any final reconciliation of the PSP will be reflected in the Company's next Actual Cost Adjustment filing.

As provided by the Company's tariff, the revised natural gas Current PGA factors do not apply to the Company's Large Volume Transportation and Sales Service ("LVTSS") customers. Unlike the Current PGA for all other customers, the Current PGA for LVTSS customers is revised on a monthly

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basis by means of the notification procedure specifically provided by Section A.5. of the Company's PGA clause.

The PGA rates provided herein will reduce the gas cost portion of the Company's rates by nearly 18%, which will result in a decrease in the total gas bill of the typical residential heating customer during the month of March by approximately \$24, or 14%. Such reduction in PGA rates eliminates nearly two-thirds of the rate increase that the Company implemented on January 29, 2001.

As indicated above, the effective date stated on the enclosed tariff sheet is March 1, 2001, which date allows for the ten-business day notice required by the Company's tariff. However, in light of the large increases in gas bills that <u>has occurred</u> this winter season as a result of both extraordinarily high wellhead natural gas prices and colder than normal weather, the Commission may wish to approve an earlier effective date to expedite the rate relief provided by this filing. The Company is prepared to implement the rate decrease at an earlier date so long as the Commission provides at least two days notice to accommodate the Company's internal billing procedures.

Included with this filing, in addition to Laclede's Revised Sheet No. 29, is the computation of the revised natural gas Current PGA factors.

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

Sincerely,

Kenneth J. Noises by Spot A. Conley

KJN/jlj Enclosures

cc: Office of the Public Counsel

LACLEDE GAS COMPANY COMPUTATION OF CURRENT PURCHASED GAS ADJUSTMENT FACTORS EFFECTIVE MARCH 1, 2001

							GAS COST PER THERM	
	GAS COST COMPONENT			ANNUALIZED COST	VOLUMES (THERMS)		FIRM- OTHER THAN LVTSS	SEASONAL &
	GAS SUPPLY DEMAND			\$11,691,766	842,768,046	Avg cost \$0,05838	\$0.01411	\$0.00000
	CAPACITY RESERVATION			\$53,560,522	917,430,841		\$0.05942 (1)	40.0000
	COMMODITY RELATED CHARGES COMMODITY GRI SURCHARGE ANNUAL CHARGE ADJUSTMENT S/T FIXED TAKE-OR-PAY RELATED CHARGES	Unit Cost per MMBtu \$5,9494 \$0,0072 \$0,0022 \$5,9588	Standard Deliveries To Laciede 67,362,092 MMBtu	4520,691,709	851,443,420		0,61154	0,61154
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	OTHER NON-COMMODITY-RELATED COSTS			\$141,230	851,443,420		0.00017	0.00017
	TOTAL			\$586,285,227			\$0,68524	\$0.81171

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Avg capacity reservation charge per therm	\$0,05838
Firm transportation factor per Sheet No. 18	80%
Firm transportation capacity reservation charge per ther	\$0,04870
Annual firm transportation volumes	74,664,795
Capacity reservation charges allocated to firm transports	\$3,466,846
Total capacity reservation charges	\$53,560,522
Capacity reservation charges allocated to firm sales	\$50,073,676
Annual fine sales volumes	842,768,046
irm sales capacity reservation charge per therm.	\$0.05942

P.S.C. MO. No. 5 Consolidated, One Hundred and Eighty-Fourth Revised Sheet No. 29 CANCELLING P.S.C. MO. No. 5 Consolidated, One Hundred and Eighty-Third Revised Sheet No. 29

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For

Refer to Sheet No. 1

Name of Issuing Corporation of Municipality

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.

Sales Classification Firm Other Than LVTSS	Current <u>PGA</u> 68.524¢	<u>ACA</u> 1.812¢	<u>UFA</u> 5.000¢	<u>Refund</u> (.025¢)	Total <u>Adiustment</u> 75.311¢
LYTSS	•	4.033¢	-	(.025¢)	•
Seas. & Int.	61,171¢	3.842¢	5.000¢	(0.000¢)	70.013¢
LP.	97,546¢	20.366¢	-	-	117.912¢

<u>Firm Other Than LVTSS</u> 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.

<u>LVTSS</u> 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 Service Rate (Sheet No. 8).

Additional Transportation Charges, ACA Factors and Refunds

<u>Customer Groups</u> Firm	TOP	Capacity <u>Reservation</u> 4.670¢	Other Non-Commodity	<u>ACA</u> 1.037¢	<u>Refund</u> .000¢
Basic – Firm Sales Prior to 11/15/89	-		-	.0 00 ¢	.000ø
Basic - Other	-		•	.000¢	(4000.)

DATE OF ISSUE

February 14, 2001
Month Day Year

DATE EFFECTIVE

March 1, 2001

ISSUED BY

K.J. Neises,

Senior Vice President.

720 Olive St.,

St. Louis, MQ 63101

Name of Officer

Title

Address

^{*} Revised each month in accordance with Section A.5 of the PGA clause.