

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
JEFFERSON CITY**

April 12, 2001

CASE NO: GR-2001-387

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Enclosed find certified copy of an ORDER in the above-numbered case(s).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Dale Hardy Roberts". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of Laclede Gas Company's)	
Purchased Gas Adjustment Tariff Revisions)	<u>Case No. GR-2001-387</u>
To be Reviewed in Its 2000-2001 Actual)	Tariff No. 200101024
Cost Adjustment)	

ORDER APPROVING INTERIM RATES

Laclede Gas Company filed a tariff sheet with the Commission on April 4, 2001, carrying an effective date of April 18, 2001. The tariff sheet reflects scheduled changes in Laclede's Purchased Gas Adjustment (PGA) factors as the result of changes in the cost of natural gas for the upcoming summer season. The summer season includes the months of April through October.

On April 6, 2001, the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission filed its Memorandum and Recommendation. Staff recommends that Laclede's proposed tariff sheet be approved for service on and after April 18, 2001, as an interim rate, subject to refund. Staff further advises the Commission that Laclede has shown good cause such that its tariff sheet should be approved on less than 30 days' notice.

The effect of these changes will decrease the firm PGA factor for the 2001 summer season to \$0.67739 per therm from the 2000-2001 winter season firm PGA factor of \$0.75311 per therm.

Staff states that Laclede's proposed PGA factor changes were calculated in conformity with Laclede's PGA clause. Staff further states that Laclede's PGA clause allows for ten business days' notice

for filings reflecting PGA changes and that, under the circumstances, good cause exists to approve the proposed tariff sheet on less than 30 days' notice. Staff recommends that the Commission approve the tariff sheet to become effective April 18, 2001, on an interim basis, subject to refund, pending a final Commission decision in Laclede's ACA cases, Case No. GR-99-316, GR-2000-622 and GR-2001-387.

The Commission has reviewed the proposed tariff sheet and Staff's Memorandum and Recommendation. The Commission finds that the tariff sheet conforms to Laclede's Commission-approved PGA Clause and is therefore reasonable. After considering Staff's recommendation, and for good cause shown, pursuant to Section 393.140(11), RSMo 2000, the Commission concludes that the proposed tariff sheet should be approved to become effective on and after the requested effective date of April 18, 2001, interim subject to refund.

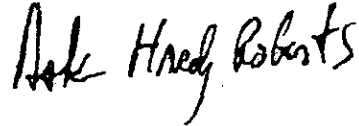
IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the proposed tariff sheet filed on April 4, 2001, by Laclede Gas Company, is approved on an interim basis, subject to refund, for service rendered on and after April 18, 2001. The tariff sheet approved is:

P.S.C. Mo. No. 1 Consolidated
One Hundred and Eighty-Fifth Revised Sheet No. 29, Canceling One
Hundred and Eighty-Fourth Revised Sheet No. 29

2. That this order shall become effective on April 18, 2001.

BY THE COMMISSION



Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

(S E A L)

Morris L. Woodruff, Senior Regulatory
Law Judge, by delegation of authority
pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 12th day of April, 2001.

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Att/Secretary:

Woodruff/Bryce

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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 12th day of April 2001.

Dale Hardy Roberts

Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

