

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
JEFFERSON CITY
March 19, 2002**

CASE NO: GR-2001-387, GR-2000-622 (Consolidated)

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dale Hardy Roberts". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a Session of the Public Service
Commission held at its office in
Jefferson City on the 19th day of
March, 2002.

In the Matter of Laclede Gas Company's Purchased)	
Gas Adjustment Tariff Revisions to be Reviewed)	<u>Case No. GR-2001-387</u>
in Its 2000-2001 Actual Cost Adjustment)	<u>Tariff No. 200200752</u>

In the Matter of Laclede Gas Company's Purchased)	
Gas Adjustment Factors to be Reviewed in Its)	<u>Case No. GR-2000-622</u>
1999-2000 Actual Cost Adjustment)	

ORDER APPROVING TARIFF

On March 8, 2002, Laclede Gas Company issued a tariff that would terminate the Actual Cost Adjustment factor applicable to customers who purchase gas from Laclede under the Large Volume Transportation and Sales Service rate. Along with its tariff, Laclede filed a Motion for Expedited Treatment that requested that the tariff change be permitted to go into effect on March 22, 2002. Laclede indicates that larger than expected sales under the Large Volume Transportation and Sales Service rate have already exhausted the ACA credit that was reflected in that rate. A substantial under-recovery of gas costs will result if the tariff is not revised.

On March 12, 2002, the Commission issued an Order Directing Filing that ordered the Staff of the Commission to file its recommendation regarding Laclede's tariff no later than March 18. That order also directed that any other party wishing to file a recommendation should do so not later than March 18.

On March 14, 2002, the Staff of the Commission filed a recommendation and memorandum. Staff states that the over-collection balance that gave rise to the credit that Laclede seeks to eliminate has been exhausted. As a result, Laclede will be moving into an under-recovery position. Staff agrees that the Commission should approve Laclede's tariff and thereby eliminate the credit. Staff also recommends that Laclede's tariff be approved to be effective on March 22, 2002, as requested by Laclede.

The Commission has reviewed the tariff filing and Staff's recommendation and memorandum and finds that Laclede's tariff filing should be approved to become effective on March 22, 2002.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the tariff sheets filed by Laclede Gas Company on March 8, 2002, and assigned tariff number 200200752, are approved to become effective on March 22, 2002.

The tariff sheets approved are:

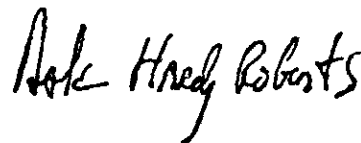
P.S.C. Mo. No. 5

**Eleventh Revised Sheet No. 22, Canceling Tenth Revised Sheet No. 22
One Hundred Ninetieth Revised Sheet No. 29, Canceling One Hundred Eighty-
Ninth Revised Sheet No. 29**

2. That this order shall become effective on March 22, 2002.

BY THE COMMISSION

(SEAL)



**Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge**

Simmons, Ch., Lumpe, Gaw and Forbis, CC., concur
Murray, C., absent

Woodruff, Senior Regulatory Law Judge

AL/Secretary:

W. H. Roberts

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Simmons, Chair

absent

Murray, Commissioner

absent

Lampe, Commissioner

absent

Gaw, Commissioner

absent

Forbis, Commissioner

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Agenda Date

Action taken:

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Must Vote Not Later Than

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 19th day of March 2002 .

Dale Hardy Roberts

Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

