

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Joint Application of Fidelity)
Natural Gas, Inc., and Laclede Gas Company)
for an Order Authorizing the Sale and Transfer of)
Certain Assets of Fidelity Natural Gas, Inc.,)
Located in Missouri to Laclede Gas Company)
and Either Authorizing the Transfer of Existing)
Certificates of Public Convenience and)
Necessity or Granting a New Certificate of Public)
Convenience and Necessity to Laclede Gas)
Company in Conjunction with Same)

Case No. GM-2006-0183

ORDER ADOPTING PROTECTIVE ORDER

Issue Date: October 25, 2005

Effective Date: October 25, 2005

On October 21, 2005, Fidelity Natural Gas, Inc., and Laclede Gas Company filed a joint application seeking Commission authority for the sale and transfer of certain assets by Fidelity to Laclede. Simultaneously, Laclede and Fidelity filed their joint Motion for Protective Order, explaining therein that this matter will necessarily involve Highly Confidential and Proprietary information that should be protected from disclosure to competitors.

Upon review of Fidelity's and Laclede's motion, the Commission finds that there is a need to protect confidential information and the request for a protective order is reasonable. The Commission has previously recognized the need to protect confidential information and the issuance of protective orders has helped to minimize disputes in past cases. Therefore, a protective order will be established.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the Motion for Protective Order filed by Fidelity Natural Gas, Inc., and Laclede Gas Company is granted and the protective order attached hereto as Attachment A is adopted. The parties shall comply with the protective order attached hereto.
2. That this order shall become effective on October 25, 2005.

BY THE COMMISSION



Colleen M. Dale
Secretary

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Steven C. Reed, Regulatory Law Judge,
by delegation of authority pursuant to
Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 25th day of October, 2005.