

**P.S.C. MO. No. 5 Consolidated, Original Sheet No. 28-h
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Laclede Gas Company
Name of Issuing Corporation or Municipality

For Refer to Sheet No. 1
Community, Town or City

SCHEDULE OF RATES

H. Catch-Up/Keep-Up Program

1. Description and Purpose - Subject to the terms and conditions of this tariff, the Company shall implement a Catch-Up/Keep-Up Program (the "Program") for eligible, low-income customers upon the effective date of this tariff. The purpose of the Program is to assist eligible, low-income customers, through financial assistance, conservation, and education in managing their energy bills in a manner that will eliminate their arrearages for natural gas service over time, ensure their continued access to natural gas service under manageable terms, and ultimately reduce the level of uncollectibles experienced by the Company for the benefit of all customers. To that end, the Program will work in partnership with Dollar-Help to provide eligible customers with quarterly grants that will be applied to reduce their arrearages as measured on the date they first entered the Program. In order to receive such quarterly grants, customers must agree to apply for other forms of energy assistance for which they may be eligible, make timely and full payments of their current charges for natural gas service which will be computed on a 12 month levelized basis in accordance with the Company's budget billing procedures, and agree to implement any available, cost free energy conservation measures.

2. Program Funding - Commencing with the effective date of this tariff, the Company shall be allowed to retain in an Incentive Savings ("IS") account 30% of the discounts it achieves from the maximum, year round, firm transportation and storage rates charged by its interstate and intrastate pipeline suppliers and that are received by the Company in the 2001/2002 Actual Cost Adjustment ("ACA") period and each subsequent ACA period thereafter. For purposes of funding the Program, the Company agrees that it will contribute two-thirds or 66.7% of the discount amounts which it achieves and retains pursuant to this program to Dollar-Help. The Company further agrees to make such contribution pursuant to a written contract between Laclede and Dollar-Help that will contain the terms and conditions set forth in this tariff.

3. Terms and Conditions - The Company agrees that its written contract with Dollar-Help shall direct that the disbursement of the amounts retained and contributed by the Company to Dollar-Help pursuant to this tariff (the "Program Funds") be made upon the following terms and conditions:

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H. Catch-Up/Keep-Up Program (continued)

A. All Program Funds shall be dedicated to reducing the natural gas service arrearages of residential customers receiving service from the Company in St. Louis City and the surrounding counties of St. Louis, St. Charles, Crawford, Jefferson, Franklin, Iron, Ste. Genevieve, St. Francois, Madison and Butler in Eastern Missouri. The disbursement of such Program Funds shall be coordinated with the social service agencies that customarily disburse state and federal sources of low-income energy assistance. Measures shall be taken to ensure that the assistance made available through such Program Funds is provided on behalf of residential customers residing in households with income less than or equal to one hundred and fifty percent (150%) of the federal poverty level, provided that the income threshold for eligibility may be raised in the event and to the extent Program Funds remain available after satisfying those customers with incomes at or below the threshold. Measures shall also be taken to ensure, to the extent practical, that the use of such Program Funds does not result in any material reduction in the share of state and federal energy assistance that the Company would otherwise expect to receive on behalf of its customers.

B. The total amount of Program Funds distributed on behalf of any single customer for any quarterly period shall not exceed three-hundred dollars (\$300).

C. To qualify for such quarterly payments, the customer receiving the assistance must:

- a. first apply for other forms of energy assistance for which the customer may be eligible;
- b. have, after entering the Program, made three consecutive timely and full payments of the customer's current charges for natural gas service which shall be computed on a 12-month levelized basis in accordance with the Company's budget billing procedures;
- c. not break a previous payment agreement entered into under the Catch-Up/Keep-Up Program; and
- d. agree to review and implement, where feasible, a submitted list of standard, cost-free energy conservation measures designed to reduce the customer's consumption of energy.

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H. Catch-Up/Keep-Up Program (continued)

D. Program Funds will not be used for administrative costs except those incurred to advise customers of energy conversation measures and monitor steps taken by customers to implement such measures.

E. With the assistance of Dollar-Help, the Company shall submit an annual report on the Program to the Staff and Office of the Public Counsel within 60 days of the conclusion of each year of the Program. Each annual report will include the following information:

- a. Total amount of Program Funds contributed by Laclede to Dollar-Help during the preceding year of the Program.
- b. Total number of customers receiving energy assistance as a result of the Program during the preceding year of the Program.
- c. Average amount of energy assistance received by customers under the Program.
- d. Amount of administrative funds spent on energy conversation efforts.
- e. To the extent available, information detailing the impact of the Program on reducing customer arrearages, encouraging conservation, and lessening uncollectible expense.

F. Laclede agrees that its written agreement with Dollar-Help will permit any unspent portion of the amounts contributed to Dollar-Help to be rolled-over for use in the subsequent Program year.

G. To the extent the Program results in a reduction in the Company's uncollectible expense, it is expressly understood that such reductions will be reflected in the Company's cost of service in any general rate case proceeding and thereby flowed through for the benefit of the Company's remaining customers. The one-third of discount saving amounts retained by the Company shall not, however, be considered for purposes of establishing rates in a general rate case proceeding but shall be retained by the Company.

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H. Catch-Up/Keep-Up Program (continued)

4. Accounting - The Company shall debit the Incentive Savings ("IS") Account and credit the Incentive Revenue ("IR") Account with 30% of the discounts it achieves. The debits to the IS Account shall be allocated to firm sales and firm transportation customers based on the volumes sold and/or transported during the ACA period. For each ACA year, the debits recorded in the IS Account including any balance from the previous year shall be accumulated to produce a cumulative incentive savings balance. For purposes of computing new ACA factors for the subsequent twelve-month period beginning with the effective date of the Winter PGA, such cumulative incentive savings balance shall be combined with the appropriate Deferred Purchased Gas Costs Account balances. The Company shall separately record that portion of ACA revenue recovery which is attributable to recovery of the IS Account balance. Any remaining balance shall be reflected in the subsequent ACA computations.

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