

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
JEFFERSON CITY
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CASE NO: GR-2001-629

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

Sincerely,



Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

To the County Commissions of each county within Laclede Gas Company's service area.

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a Session of the Public Service
Commission held at its office in
Jefferson City on the 23rd day of
August, 2001.

In the Matter of Laclede Gas Company's Tariff to Revise) **Case No. GR-2001-629**
Natural Gas Rate Schedules) **Tariff No. 200101125**

ORDER SCHEDULING LOCAL PUBLIC HEARINGS AND DIRECTING

NOTICE OF LOCAL PUBLIC HEARINGS

AND OF EVIDENTIARY HEARING

On August 6, 2001, the Commission adopted a procedural schedule that set this case for evidentiary hearing on December 17-21, 2001 (January 3-4, 2002, reserved if necessary). The Commission also provided that Local Public Hearings would be conducted on October 17 or 18, 2001, subject to scheduling arrangements. The Commission will conduct local public hearings at the times and locations specified in this order.

Direct notice of the local public hearings and of the evidentiary hearing shall be sent by Laclede Gas Company, by an imprint on the customer's monthly billing statement, billing insert, first class letter, or postcard, to each of the Company's residential and commercial customers at least ten days, but not more than 45 days prior to the local public hearing date. If Laclede provides notice by imprint on the customer's monthly billing statement, the notice shall be printed on a portion of the billing statement that does not need to be returned with the customer's payment. The direct notice to customers sent by Laclede shall prominently state the time, date, and location of the local public hearing. The

language shall be as directed by the Commission in its order issued July 23, 2001, and be substantially as follows:

Notice of Local Public Hearings and of Evidentiary Hearing

Laclede Gas Company has filed revised gas service tariff sheets with the Missouri Public Service Commission that would increase the Company's Missouri annual gross revenues by approximately 5 percent. For the average residential customer, the proposed increase would be approximately \$_____ each month.

The Commission has set local public hearings to receive customer comments on Laclede's rate case. Hearings will commence at the time indicated.

St. Louis, MO: 12:00 P.M. on October 17, 2001
University of Missouri-St. Louis
J.C. Penney/Conference Center, Rm. 126
East Campus Drive
(off of Natural Bridge Road)

Chesterfield, MO: 6:00 P.M. on October 17, 2001
PSC St. Louis Office
815 Charter Commons Drive, Suite 100B

If you wish to comment or obtain additional information, you may contact Laclede at (phone number) or by e-mail at (e-mail optional). You may also contact the Office of the Public Counsel at P.O. Box 7800, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102, or by calling (573) 751-4857, or by e-mail at www.mo-opc.org.

An **evidentiary hearing** has been set before the Public Service Commission at **8:30 a.m., December 17-21, 2001 (and January 3-4, 2002 if necessary)** in the Commission's hearing room on the 3rd floor of the Governor Office Building, 200 Madison Street, Jefferson City, Missouri.

The local public hearings and the evidentiary hearing will be in buildings that meet accessibility standards required by the Americans with Disabilities Act. If any person needs additional accommodations to participate in the local public hearings or to attend the

evidentiary hearing, please call the Public Service Commission's Hotline at 1-800-392-4211 (voice) or 1-800-829-7541 (TDD).

The Commission will direct the Commission's Information Officer to send notice of the local public hearing to radio stations, television stations, and publishers of each newspaper located in Laclede's service area, as listed in the newspaper directory of the current Official Manual of the State of Missouri, and to members of the General Assembly representing customers in Laclede's service area. The Commission will also direct the Records Department of the Commission to serve a copy of this order upon the county commission of each county within Laclede's service area.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That local public hearings are scheduled at the following locations and times:

Wednesday, October 17, 2001
12:00 p.m.
University of Missouri-St. Louis
J.C. Penney/Conference Center, Rm. 126
East Campus Drive
(off of Natural Bridge Road)
St. Louis, Missouri

Wednesday, October 17, 2001
6:00 p.m.
PSC St. Louis Office
815 Charter Commons Drive, Suite 100B
Chesterfield, Missouri

2. That the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission shall be available at the locations as stated above, one-half hour prior to the hearing, in order to provide neutral information about the public hearing procedures and about the issues to be considered by the Commission in the contested case proceeding. The information

provided prior to the public hearing is intended aid the public to make better make use of the local public hearings.

3. That the Records Department and Information Office of the Commission shall serve copies of this order and provide notice as described in this order.

4. That Laclede Gas Company shall send notice, as directed in this order, to each of the Company's residential and commercial customers at least ten days, but not more than 45 days, prior to the day of the local public hearings.

5. The local public hearings will be held in buildings that meet accessibility standards required by the Americans with Disabilities Act. Any person needing additional accommodations to participate in this hearing may call the Public Service Commission's Hotline at 1-800-392-4211 (voice) or 1-800-829-7541 (TDD) prior to the hearing.

6. That this order shall become effective on September 2, 2001.

BY THE COMMISSION



Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

(S E A L)

Simmons, Ch., Murray, Lumpe and Gaw, CC., concur

Thornburg, Regulatory Law Judge

ALJ/Secretary:

Thornburg / Joyce

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Simmons, Chair

KS

Murray, Commissioner

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Lumpe, Commissioner

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Gaw, Commissioner

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Commissioner

Agenda Date

8-23

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 23rd day of August 2001.

Dale Hardy Roberts

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Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

