

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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In the Matter of Laclede Gas Company's Tariff to Revise Natural Gas Rate Schedules.	) ) ) )	Case No. GR-2001-629
In the matter of Laclede Gas Company's Tariff for a Weather Normalization Clause.	) )	Case No. GT-2001-662 Tariff No. 200101074

**RECOMMENDATION REGARDING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE FOR THE  
FILING OF TESTIMONY RELATING TO LACLEDE'S WEATHER  
MITIGATION PROPOSALS IN CASE NO. GT-2001-662**

COMES NOW Laclede Gas Company ("Laclede" or "Company"), and pursuant to 4 CSR 240-2.080, submits this Recommendation regarding procedural dates for the filing of testimony relating to weather mitigation proposals submitted in Case No. GT-2001-662. In support thereof, Laclede states as follows:

1. On April 20, 2001, Laclede filed revised and specimen tariff sheets to implement a proposed weather mitigation clause. In the same filing, Laclede also submitted for the Commission's consideration several other weather mitigation proposals designed to address the impact of weather on Laclede's customers' bills. Laclede's filing was subsequently assigned Case No. GT-2001-662.

2. On October 4, 2001, the Commission issued an order directing that Case No. GT-2001-662 be consolidated with Case No. GR-2001-629. The Commission stated that "the most appropriate place to address Laclede's proposed tariff and the rate design proposal is in Laclede's pending rate case, GR-2001-629." (See Commission Order in Case No. GT-2001-662, pp. 3-4).

3. To accommodate the consolidation, Laclede, after consultation with the other parties to this case, recommends that the procedural schedule already adopted by the Commission in Case No. GR-2001-629 be used for addressing the proposals in Case No. GT-2001-662. Currently, the schedule for Case No. GR-2001-629 is as follows:

Direct testimony of Staff and other parties on revenue requirement	October 11, 2001
Direct testimony of Staff and other parties on-rate design	October 16, 2001
Local Public Hearings	October 17 or 18, 2001
Prehearing Conference	October 22 - 26, 2001
Rebuttal Testimony by all parties	November 14, 2001
Joint Statement of Issues	November 27, 2001
Surrebuttal Testimony	December 6, 2001
Statements of Positions by all parties	December 11, 2001
Evidentiary Hearing	December 17 - 21, 2001
Evidentiary Hearing	January 3 - 4, 2002
True-up Testimony by all parties	January 25, 2002
Initial Briefs – All Parties	January 30, 2002
True-up Hearing	January 31, 2002
Reply Briefs (Including True-up issues)	February 19, 2002

4. Laclede recommends that consistent with the above schedule that the testimony filing dates for all of the issues relevant to the Company's weather mitigation proposals in Case No. GT-2001-662, including issues relating to their impact, if any, on the revenue requirement in this Case No. GR-2001-629 be set as follows:

Laclede files Direct Testimony  
on Weather Mitigation Proposals

October 16, 2001

All Parties file Rebuttal Testimony  
on Weather Mitigation Proposals

November 21, 2001

All Parties' file Surrebuttal Testimony  
on Weather Mitigation Proposals

December 6, 2001

The remainder of the schedule, including the evidentiary hearings and briefs, would proceed according to the above dates for both Case No. GR-2001-629 and Case No. GT-2001-662.

5. Laclede has contacted counsel for the Staff, Office of the Public Counsel, the Paper Allied-Industrial, Chemical and Energy Workers Local No. 5-6, AFL-CIO, Union Electric Company, d/b/a AmerenUE, and the Missouri Industrial Energy Consumers<sup>1</sup> and all have indicated that they have no objection to the recommendations set forth herein.

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<sup>1</sup> Adam's Mark Hotel, Alcoa Foil Products, Anheuser-Busch, The Boeing Company, Ford Motor Company, General Motors Corporation, Hussman Refrigeration, Mallinckrodt, Inc., MEMC Electronic Materials, Monsanto Company, Procter & Gamble Manufacturing and Ralston Purina.

**WHEREFORE**, for the foregoing reasons, the Laclede Gas Company respectfully requests that the Commission issue an order adopting the procedural recommendations set forth herein.

Respectfully Submitted,



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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

Michael C. Pendergast, Assistant Vice President and Associate General Counsel for Laclede Gas Company, hereby certifies that the foregoing Recommendation Regarding Procedural Schedule for the Filing of Testimony Relating to Laclede's Weather Mitigation Proposals in Case No. GT-20091-662 has been duly served upon the General Counsel of the Staff of the Public Service Commission, Office of the Public Counsel and all parties of record to this proceeding by placing a copy thereof in the United States mail, postage prepaid, or by hand delivery, on this 10th day of October, 2001.

