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Mr. Dale Hardy Roberts  
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge  
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Governor Office Building  
200 Madison Street  
P. O. Box 360  
Jefferson City, MO 65102-0360

Dear Mr. Roberts:

Transmitted herewith for filing with the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission") are the original and fourteen (14) copies of revised tariff sheets which set forth revised rate schedules and certain revised charges for all of the operating divisions of Laclede Gas Company ("Company"). There is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference Exhibit No. 1, which Exhibit contains a listing and designation of: (1) the revised tariff sheets; and (2) the tariff sheets which are presently on file with the Commission that are to be cancelled. Also transmitted herewith for filing are the original and eight (8) copies of the Company's direct testimony.

The charges contained in the revised tariff sheets are designed to produce an increase of approximately \$39.8 million, or five percent (5%) annually in the revenue of the Company, exclusive of associated taxes. The proposed rate increase is necessary generally to offset certain operating costs, additional return requirements, and the added capital costs associated with the Company's replacement and installation of facilities over the past several years; as well as reflect the financial effect of the Company's proposals to revise certain recent ratemaking practices that have had a detrimental impact on the level of financial resources available to the Company to carry out its public service obligations.

The proposed revenue increase has been allocated uniformly to each presently effective rate schedule based on the amount of non-gas revenues derived from such schedules. As such, the increase, expressed as a percentage of total revenues, including gas revenues, will vary by rate schedule. The effect of the proposed rates on the Company's residential customers would be to raise the bill of a typical customer who uses gas for heating by an average of approximately \$4.90 per month.

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Within the rate schedules, the allocated increase is recovered partially through increases in customer charges. For the General Service ("GS") and Seasonal Air Conditioning rates, the customer charge for residential customers and commercial and industrial customers is proposed to be increased by \$.50 per month to \$12.50 and \$15.50 per month, respectively. The Company also proposes comparable percentage increases in the customer charges for its other rate schedules. The remainder of the Company's proposed rate increase would be recovered through increased usage charges. Additional information regarding the proposed general rate increase and other proposed changes is contained in Exhibit No. 2 provided herewith pursuant to 4 CSR 240-10.07(3)(B).

The Company understands, as should all other interested parties, that the Commission's review of the aforementioned rate design could result in a substantial change, from the manner proposed in this filing, in the way in which the Company's proposed rate increase may be allocated among and within the Company's various rate classes.

The revised tariff sheets filed herewith contain an issue date of May 18, 2001 with a proposed effective date of June 18, 2001. Pursuant to 4 CSR 240-10.070(3), Laclede will, under separate cover, serve two (2) copies of this filing of the Office of the Public Counsel.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Gerald T. McNeive, Jr.", written in dark ink.

Gerald T. McNeive, Jr.

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Enclosures

cc: Office of the Public Counsel (2)

## Laclede Gas Company

### Listing and Designation of Revised Tariff Sheets

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**SCHEDULE OF RATES**

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RESIDENTIAL GENERAL SERVICE (RG)

Availability – This rate schedule is available for all gas service rendered by the Company to residential customers, including space heating service.

Rate – The monthly charge shall consist of a customer charge plus a charge for gas used as set forth below:

Customer Charge – per month	\$12.50	
	Summer - Billing Months of <u>May-October</u>	Winter – Billing Months of <u>November-April</u>
Charge for Gas Used – per therm		
For the first 65 therms used per month	17.777¢	21.249¢
For all therms used in excess of 65 therms	13.404¢	16.876¢

Minimum Monthly Charge – The Customer Charge.

Purchased Gas Adjustment – The charge for gas used as specified in this schedule shall be subject to an adjustment per therm for increases and decreases in the Company's cost of purchased gas, as set out on Sheet No. 29.

Late Payment Charge – Unless otherwise required by law or other regulation, 1.5% will be added to the outstanding balance of all bills not paid by the delinquent date stated on the bill. The late payment charge will not be applied to amounts being collected through a pre-arranged payment agreement with the Company that is kept up-to-date.

Weather Mitigation Adjustment --The charge for gas used shall be subject to the Weather Mitigation Rate ("WMR") which is computed by the Company for each billing cycle during the winter billing months in accordance with the formula set forth in the Company's Weather Mitigation Clause that begins on Sheet No. 41. For each billing cycle, at least two days prior to mailing customers' bills the Company shall submit the WMR to the Missouri Public Service Commission, post the WMR on the Company's web site and prominently display the WMR for the duration of the winter in each of the Company's business offices.

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COMMERCIAL & INDUSTRIAL GENERAL SERVICE (CG)

Availability – This rate schedule is available for all gas service rendered by the Company to commercial or industrial customers, including space heating service.

Rate – The monthly charge shall consist of a customer charge plus a charge for gas used as set forth below:

Customer Charge – per month	\$15.50	
	Summer - Billing Months of <u>May-October</u>	Winter – Billing Months of <u>November-April</u>
Charge for Gas Used – per therm		
For the first 100 therms used per month	14.789¢	17.959¢
For all therms used in excess of 100 therms	11.989¢	15.157¢

Minimum Monthly Charge – The Customer Charge.

Purchased Gas Adjustment – The charge for gas used as specified in this schedule shall be subject to an adjustment per therm for increases and decreases in the Company's cost of purchased gas, as set out on Sheet No. 29.

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RESIDENTIAL SEASONAL AIR CONDITIONING SERVICE (RA)

Availability – This rate schedule is available for all gas service to residential air conditioning customers during the six consecutive billing months of May through October, provided that the quantity of gas used during such period for air conditioning purposes is at least twice the quantity of gas used for all other purposes during such period. All gas used by the customer for the balance of the year shall be billed under the Residential General Service rate.

Rate – The monthly charge shall consist of a customer charge plus a charge for gas used as set forth below:

Customer Charge – per month \$12.50

Charge For Gas Used – per therm

For the first 65 therms used per month 17.777¢

For all therms used in excess of 65 therms 13.404¢

Minimum Monthly Charge – The Customer Charge.

Purchased Gas Adjustment – The charge for gas used as specified in this schedule shall be subject to an adjustment per therm for increases and decreases in the Company's cost of purchased gas, as set out on Sheet No. 29.

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COMMERCIAL & INDUSTRIAL SEASONAL SERVICE (CA)

Availability – This rate schedule is available for all gas service to commercial and industrial air conditioning or on-site power generation customers during the six consecutive billing months of May through October, provided that the quantity of gas used during such period for air conditioning or on-site power generation purposes is at least twice the quantity of gas used for all other purposes during such period. All gas used by the customer for the balance of the year shall be billed under the Commercial and Industrial General Service rate.

Rate – The monthly charge shall consist of a customer charge plus a charge for gas used as set forth below:

Customer Charge – per month	\$15.50
Charge For Gas Used – per therm	
For the first 100 therms used per month	14.789¢
For all therms used in excess of 100 therms	11.989¢

Minimum Monthly Charge – The Customer Charge.

Purchased Gas Adjustment – The charge for gas used as specified in this schedule shall be subject to an adjustment per therm for increases and decreases in the Company's cost of purchased gas, as set out on Sheet No. 29.

Late Payment Charge – Unless otherwise required by law or other regulation, 1.5% will be added to the outstanding balance of all bills not paid by the delinquent date stated on the bill. The late payment charge will not be applied to amounts being collected through a pre-arranged payment agreement with the Company that is kept up-to-date.

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LARGE VOLUME SERVICE (LV)

Availability – Service under this rate schedule is available for qualifying firm gas uses including cogeneration and for boiler plant use where gas is the exclusive boiler plant fuel. Service under this rate schedule is available to customers contracting for separately metered gas service for a minimum term of one year with a billing demand equal to, or greater than, 250 therms and an annual usage equal to, or greater than 60,000 therms.

Rate – The monthly charge shall consist of a customer charge, a demand charge, and a commodity charge as set forth below:

Customer Charge – per month	\$590
Demand Charge – per billing demand therm	68¢
Commodity Charge – per therm	
For the first 36,000 therms used per month	2.765¢
For all therms used in excess of 36,000 therms	1.525¢

Minimum Monthly Charge – The Customer Charge plus the Demand Charge.

Terms of Payment – Customer's monthly bills will be computed at both the net and gross rates. Gross rates will be two percent (2%) higher than net rates. The net bill is payable on or prior to due date stated thereon. After this date, the gross bill is payable.

Purchased Gas Adjustment – The charge for gas used as specified in this schedule shall be subject to an adjustment per therm for increases and decreases in the Company's cost of purchased gas, as set out on Sheet No. 29.

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INTERRUPTIBLE SERVICE (IN)

Under certain conditions, and from time to time, the Company has excess gas to sell. When the Company has such gas available for resale, it will make short-term contracts for the sale thereof.

Availability -- This rate schedule is available to customers contracting for separately metered interruptible gas service for a minimum term of one year with a demand equal to, or greater than, 10,000 cubic feet per hour.

Net Rate -- The monthly charge shall consist of a customer charge and a commodity charge as set forth below:

Customer Charge	\$520
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Commodity Charge

First 100,000 therms -- per month -- per therm	8.145¢
Over 100,000 therms -- per month -- per therm	6.303¢

Charge for Gas Used During Interruption

All gas used during any period of interruption -- per therm	35.255¢
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Minimum Monthly Charge -- The Customer Charge.

Purchased Gas Adjustment -- The charge for gas used as specified in this schedule shall be subject to an adjustment per therm for increases and decreases in the Company's cost of purchased gas, as set out on Sheet No. 29.

Late Payment Charge -- Unless otherwise required by law or other regulation, 1.5% will be added to the outstanding balance of all bills not paid by the delinquent date stated on the bill. The late payment charge will not be applied to amounts being collected through a pre-arranged payment agreement with the Company that is kept up-to-date.

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GENERAL L.P. GAS SERVICE (LP)

Availability – This rate schedule is available for all L.P. gas service to those customers located in subdivisions in the Company's certificated area where natural gas is not available, where the subdivision developer is willing to construct the subdivision so as to make it fully adapted to such service and the later conversion to natural gas and where a central L.P. gas system is determined by the Company to be feasible.

<u>Rate</u> Customer Charge – per month	\$11.00
For all gallons used per month – per gallon	17.125¢

Minimum Monthly Charge – The Customer Charge.

Purchased Gas Adjustment

(A) The above charges shall be subject to an adjustment per gallon, which shall be referred to as the L.P. Current Purchased Gas Adjustment ("L.P. CPGA"). Concurrent with any CPGA filing made by the Company for natural gas customers, the Company will compare its current average unit cost for the purchase of L.P. gas to the average unit L.P. gas cost underlying the existing L.P. CPGA. If such difference is greater than or equal to 1.0¢ per gallon, the Company will file a new L.P. CPGA with the Commission, along with supporting materials, based on said current average unit L.P. gas cost. Upon approval by the Commission, such new L.P. CPGA factor will become effective on a pro-rata basis beginning with the effective date stated on Sheet No. 29.

(B) Whenever the actual prices paid by the Company for L.P. Gas differ from the price upon which its then effective adjustment is predicated, the amount of increased or decreased L.P. Gas cost resulting from such difference in price shall be debited or credited to a Deferred Purchased L.P. Gas Cost account. The cumulative balance of such deferred account entries for the same period set out in Paragraph C.7 of the Company's PGA Clause shall be divided by the estimated amount of L.P. Gas gallons to be sold during the subsequent twelve-month ended October period. The resulting deferred cost per gallon shall be applied as a Deferred L.P. Gas Adjustment which shall be made effective on a pro-rata basis beginning with the effective date of the Company's Winter PGA filing and shall remain in effect until superseded by a revised adjustment in the next scheduled Winter PGA filing. Such deferred adjustment shall increase or decrease the adjustments determined pursuant to Paragraph A hereof. All increases or decreases in charges resulting from the deferred adjustment shall be appropriately recorded in the Deferred L.P. Gas Cost account.

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UNMETERED GAS LIGHT SERVICE (SL)

Availability – This rate schedule is available, subject to the special provisions included herein, to customers who contract for service thereunder for a minimum term of one year for unmetered gas to be used solely for the continuous operation of gas lights.

Rate

Customer Charge \$3.90 per month

For lights equipped with mantle units with an hourly input rating of 3 cubic feet or less per mantle unit:

Each initial mantle unit per light \$3.77 per month

Each additional mantle unit per light \$1.98 per month

For open flame lights or lights equipped with mantle units with an hourly input rating in excess of 3 cubic feet per mantle unit:

First 3 cubic feet of hourly input rating per light \$3.77 per month

Each additional 3 cubic feet of hourly input rating or fraction thereof per light \$1.98 per month

Purchased Gas Adjustment – The charge for gas used as specified in this schedule shall be subject to an adjustment per therm for increases and decreases in the Company's cost of purchased gas, as set out on Sheet No. 29; and such adjustment per therm shall be applied on the basis of an average consumption of 19.7 therms per month per mantle unit.

Late Payment Charge – Unless otherwise required by law or other regulation, 1.5% will be added to the outstanding balance of all bills not paid by the delinquent date stated on the bill. The late payment charge will not be applied to amounts being collected through a pre-arranged payment agreement with the Company that is kept up-to-date.

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VEHICULAR FUEL RATE (VF)

Availability

This rate schedule shall apply to the sale of separately metered natural gas to customers for the sole purpose of compression by the customer or a party engaged by the customer for use as a vehicular fuel, whether such fuel is used directly by the customer or is resold to other end-user(s) as compressed natural gas ("CNG") for vehicular use.

Service for any end-use of gas other than the compression of natural gas for vehicular use, such as space heating, water heating, processing or boiler fuel use, is not permitted under this schedule. Service which is provided for other end-uses through a separate meter at the same location will be billed by the Company under the applicable rate schedule.

Nothing herein precludes a customer from satisfying its CNG requirements through another sales or transportation rate schedule, where applicable.

Service provided by the Company under this rate schedule does not include the provision of compression services or facilities for CNG purposes.

Rate

Customer Charge – per month	\$14.50
Charge for Gas Used – For all therms used per month per therm	4.218¢

Minimum Monthly Charge – The Customer Charge.

Purchased Gas Adjustment – The charge for gas used as specified in this schedule shall be subject to an adjustment per therm for increases and decreases in the Company's cost of purchased gas, as set out on Sheet No. 29.

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PURCHASED GAS ADJUSTMENT CLAUSE

A. Current Purchased Gas Adjustments

In the event of increases or decreases in the cost of purchased gas, charges for gas service contained in the Company's then effective retail rate schedules on file with the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission), with the exception of the Large Volume Transportation and Sales Service ("LVTSS") rate schedule, shall be increased or decreased at the times provided in Section E by a Current Purchased Gas Adjustment ("CPGA"). The CPGA for sales made pursuant to the LVTSS rate schedule shall be determined and implemented on a monthly basis, as described in paragraph 5 below, and shall be calculated in conformance with the CPGA for other firm sales rate schedules, except where noted. The cost of purchased gas shall include but not be limited to all charges incurred for gas supply, pipeline transmission and gathering and contract storage.

1. a. The PGA factor for firm sales shall be calculated by summing the gas cost components per therm as determined in accordance with paragraphs 2.a., b., c., d., e., and f. respectively, of Section A of this clause.  
  
b. The PGA factor for the seasonal and interruptible sales classifications shall be calculated by summing the gas cost components per therm as determined in accordance with paragraphs 2.c., d., e., and f. respectively, of Section A of this clause.
2. The following unit gas cost components, rounded to the nearest .001¢ per therm, are recoverable under the PGA of either firm or interruptible sales customers, where applicable, as described in Paragraph A.1. above.

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A. Current Purchased Gas Adjustments (Continued)

effective commodity-related charges divided by the total purchase volumes for such period. Such charges shall include but not be limited to producer or gas supply commodity charges and pipeline transmission and gathering commodity charges.

d. Take-or-Pay Charges. The Take-or-Pay cost component per therm shall be determined by dividing the current annualized take-or-pay related cost of purchased gas by the total sales and transportation volumes specified in Section F.

e. Other Non-Commodity-Related Gas Costs. With the exception of FERC Order No. 636 transition costs identified in an interstate pipeline company's rate schedules, the Other Non-Commodity-Related Gas Cost component per therm shall be determined by dividing all non-commodity-related gas costs subject to regulation by the FERC or any successor agency, by the total sales and transportation volumes specified in Section F. The Other Non-Commodity-Related Gas Cost component per therm applicable to the aforementioned transition costs will be determined by dividing such costs by the total sales volumes specified in Section F.

f. Gas Inventory Carrying Cost Recovery ("GICCR"). The GICCR component of the Company's CPGA factors shall be determined by dividing the estimated carrying costs on the average gas inventory balances established in the resolution of the Company's most recent general rate case by the total sales and transportation volumes specified in Section F.

3. The factors determined in Paragraphs 2.b., 2.d., 2.e., and 2.f. shall be applicable to transportation customers pursuant to Sheet No. 34 of the Company's Large Volume Transportation and Sales Service per therm, respectively. For informational purposes, such charges shall also be set forth at the bottom of Sheet No. 29.

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H. Gas Inventory Carrying Cost Recovery Account

The Company shall maintain a Gas Inventory Carrying Cost Recovery ("GICCR") Account which shall accumulate entries related to the Company's recovery of carrying costs, as defined below, associated with its investment in various natural gas and propane inventories. The inventories covered by this section include both Non-Current and Current Gas Stored Underground (Account Nos. 117 and 164) for both Company-owned storage and leased storage and L.P. Gas Stock (Account No. 154). Each month the Company shall debit the GICCR Account for the recovery of carrying costs by multiplying the end-of-month balances in the aforementioned inventory accounts by a rate equal to the prime rate published in the Wall Street Journal on the first business day of such month minus two percentage points. Each month the Company shall also credit the GICCR Account for the GICCR amounts billed to customers by multiplying the GICCR component of the Company's CPGA factors, as set forth in Section A.2.f. of this clause, by the Company's sales and transportation volumes. Each year the debit or credit balance in the GICCR Account at the end of September shall be divided by the Company's total estimated sales and transportation volumes during the subsequent twelve-month period to produce the GICCR component of the Company's ACA factors that shall become effective with the PGA factors the Company implements during November and that shall remain in effect until the effective date of the Company's new ACA factors in the subsequent November. Such GICCR ACA component shall be applied to all volumes billed to each sales and transportation customer and all actual GICCR ACA revenue recovered therefrom shall be debited or credited to the GICCR Account as appropriate.

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**METER TEST CHARGES**

The charges for each test of a customer's meter when performed at the customer's request more than once in a twelve month period, unless the meter registration is proved to be inaccurate in excess of 2%, as described in Rule No. 10 of the tariff, shall be as follows:

Residential meter	\$ 75.00
Commercial and Industrial meter	\$125.00

**EXCESS FLOW VALVE CHARGES**

The charges for installation, removal, replacement or maintenance of an excess flow valve, as described in Rule No. 31 of the tariff, shall be as follows:

Installation of valve during the installation of a new or replacement service	\$ 45.00
Installation of valve after the installation of a new or replacement service or renewal	\$560.00
Removal, replacement or maintenance costs, except as noted in Rule No. 31	\$560.00

**SERVICE INITIATION CHARGES**

The charges for initiation of gas service as described in Rule No. 32 are as follows:

Service initiation charge	
During regularly scheduled working hours	\$ 36.00
During non-regularly scheduled working hours, Sundays and holidays (premium service)	\$ 54.00

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B. CHARACTER OF SERVICE (Continued)

5. Authorized Overrun Provision – When requested by the Customer, and authorized by the Company in its sole discretion, the Customer's DSQ on any day may be increased to a level not to exceed 110% of the currently effective billing demand, without causing an increase in such billing demand.
6. Period of Excess Receipts – Effective at the beginning of any day, as such term is defined in Paragraph 1.1 of Section D hereof, and with the same notice requirements as in B.1. above, any Customer may be ordered to limit its DSQ to 115% of the deliveries made to such Customer. However, any such limitation shall not exceed a total of eight days in any thirty-day rolling period. When such limitation order is in effect, the Company will purchase from such Customer any excess receipts at 75% of the lesser of the first of the month index or the daily index published in the Gas Daily for MRT west leg deliveries. Such purchases by the Company shall be used to satisfy the Company's system supply requirements. When possible, prior to the notification described above, the Company shall provide advance notice to Customers on a best-efforts basis of an imminent Period of Excess Receipts that may be under consideration by the Company.

C. RATES

The monthly charge per each separately metered location shall consist of the charges set forth below:

Customer Charge - per month. ....	\$870
Reservation Charge - per billing demand therm. ....	58¢
Transportation Charge - per therm transported (*). ....	
For the first 36,000 therms transported per month ....	2.038¢
For all therms transported in excess of 36,000 therms ....	1.024¢
Commodity Charge - per therm sold (*) ....	
For the first 36,000 therms sold per month ....	2.038¢
For all therms sold in excess of 36,000 therms ....	1.024¢
Storage Charge - per therm for any full or partial month ....	2.000¢
Authorized Overrun Charge – per therm transported ....	4.634¢

(\*) See footnote on Sheet No. 34-a

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- (\*) The first block transportation and commodity charges shall collectively apply to no more than 36,000 therms of throughput in any month for each separately metered location, whether such throughput is associated with sales volumes, transportation volumes, or a combination of sales and transportation volumes.

Minimum Monthly Charge – The sum of the Customer Charge and the Demand Charge.

Additional Transportation Charges – For all therms transported on either Basic or Firm Service, the Transportation Charge and Authorized Overrun Charge shall be increased to include the currently effective level of any take-or-pay related (TOP) charge, other non-commodity related gas cost charge per therm and GICCR charge per therm as set out on Sheet No. 29. For Firm Service, the Transportation Charge shall be further increased to include the then currently effective level of the pipeline demand gas cost (or capacity reservation charge) per therm as set out on Sheet No. 29. Such additional transportation charges, with the exception of the GICCR charge per therm, shall be included in the determination of gas cost revenue recovery described in Section C of the Company's Purchased Gas Adjustment Clause. The GICCR charge shall be treated in the manner described in Section H of such clause.

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RULES AND REGULATIONS

12. Customer's Liability (Continued)

the proper application of Company's rates, rules and regulations; for installing, removing, testing or replacing its apparatus or property; for reading meters and for the removal of Company's property in event of termination for any reason of service to the customer.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Company shall not discontinue service to a customer, pursuant to Paragraph (1)(E) of Rule 14, solely by reason of a refusal of that customer to grant access to the Company when the sole purpose of such access is to discontinue service to another customer. In addition, the Company shall not discontinue or threaten to discontinue service to a non-delinquent customer due solely to the delinquency of another customer.

The Company shall obtain an actual inside meter reading from locations having inside meters on an annual basis. The Company will have a right to disconnect the customer if access is denied to the Company at reasonable times pursuant to Paragraph (1)(E) of Rule 14.

When, during normal working hours, the Company is unable to regularly secure access to the customer's premises for the purpose of obtaining meter readings, the Company may, when practical to do so, install on the meter a remote reading attachment. The attachment shall be installed upon agreement of the customer to pay \$50.00 of the initial installation costs, which amount may be paid in installments, at the customer's option, over a period of up to 20 months with no interest or finance costs. The remote reading attachment and all parts and portions thereof, shall remain the property of the Company and shall be maintained by the Company. Any customer, whether or not access to his premises is a problem, may request the installation of such remote reading attachment and the Company may install same subject to the charge and conditions set out above and its determination of whether the installation is appropriate given the Company's potential use of other remote meter reading technology. When the Company is unable for twelve successive regular meter reading times to secure access to a customer's premises for the purpose of obtaining a meter reading, the Company may discontinue service to the customer, upon giving the notice required by paragraph 1 of Rule 14, unless and until the customer shall contract for and permit the installation of a remote reading attachment subject to the charge and conditions set out above or until the customer has made provisions for future access acceptable to the Company.

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RULES AND REGULATIONS

31. Excess Flow Valves:

In accordance with Federal Pipeline Safety Regulations 49 CFR 192.383, the Company shall notify customers of the availability of the Company to install an excess flow valve prior to the installation of a new or replacement service line that is operated at a pressure of at least 10 psig. If a customer requests the installation of an excess flow valve, such installation shall be made only upon agreement of the customer to pay the installation cost and future maintenance, replacement or removal costs that are specified on Tariff Sheet No. 31-a. Future maintenance or replacement necessitated by an excess flow valve malfunction will not result in a charge to the customer if such malfunction is attributable to debris in the Company's natural gas system or reimbursable under a manufacturer's warranty.

32. Gas Service Initiation:

The Company shall charge its customers for the initiation of gas service except: (1) for the initial service turn-on performed in conjunction with the installation of a gas service line; and (2) for owners of rental property where the owner agrees through written application to the Company to establish service in his/her name during periods of vacancy of rental unit(s).

The charges for service initiation performed during regularly-scheduled business hours and for premium service during non-regularly scheduled hours are set forth in Sheet No. 31-a.

Requested appointments are to be confirmed at the option of the Company and each premium service is subject to the availability of personnel to fulfill the request.

Separate charges for the reconnection of service after discontinuance of service by the Company or the customer are provided for in Sheet No. 30.

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STATEMENT OF AGGREGATE ANNUAL INCREASE

The aggregate annual increase requested by this rate filing is \$39.8 million, or 5.0%. This is the amount of the increase requested for rates only, and does not include the amount of Gross Receipts Taxes which will be applied thereto.



COMMUNITIES AFFECTED BY FILING

City of St. Louis  
Annapolis  
Arnold  
Ballwin  
Bella Villa  
Bellefontaine Neighbors  
Bellerive  
Bel-Nor  
Bel-Ridge  
Berkeley  
Beverly Hills  
Black Jack  
Bonne Terre  
Breckenridge Hills  
Brentwood  
Bridgeton  
Bridgeton Terrace  
Calverton Park  
Champ  
Charlack  
Chesterfield  
Clarkson Valley  
Clayton  
Cool Valley  
Cottleville  
Country Club Hills  
Country Life Acres  
Crestwood  
Creve Coeur  
Crystal City  
Crystal Lake Park  
Dardenne Prairie  
Dellwood  
Desloge  
DeSoto  
Des Peres  
Edmundson  
Ellisville  
Eureka

Farmington  
Fenton  
Ferguson  
Festus  
Flordell Hills  
Florissant  
Fredericktown  
Frontenac  
Glendale  
Glen Echo Park  
Grantwood Village  
Greendale  
Green Park  
Hanley Hills  
Hazelwood  
Herculaneum  
Hillsboro  
Hillsdale  
Huntleigh  
Jennings  
Kinloch  
Kirkwood  
Ladue  
Lake St. Louis  
Lakeshire  
Leadington  
Leadwood  
Mackenzie  
Manchester  
Maplewood  
Marlborough  
Maryland Heights  
Moline Acres  
Normandy  
Northwoods  
Norwood Court  
Oakland  
O'Fallon  
Olivette

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Overland	Sycamore Hills
Pacific	Town & Country
Pagedale	Twin Oaks
Park Hills	Union
Parkway	University City
Pasadena Hills	Uplands Park
Pasadena Park	Valley Park
Pevely	Velda City
Pilot Knob	Velda Village Hills
Pine Lawn	Vinita Park
Poplar Bluff	Vinita Terrace
Richmond Heights	Warson Woods
Riverview	Washington
Rock Hill	Webster Groves
St. Ann	Weldon Spring
St. Charles	Weldon Spring Heights
St. Clair	Wellston
Ste. Genevieve	Wentzville
St. George	Westwood
St. John	Wilbur Park
St. Peters	Wildwood
Shrewsbury	Winchester
Sunset Hills	Woodson Terrace

COUNTIES AFFECTED BY FILING

Butler County  
Franklin County  
Iron County  
Jefferson County  
Madison County  
St. Charles County  
St. Francois County  
Ste. Genevieve County  
St. Louis County

**LACLEDE GAS COMPANY**  
**Number of Customers Affected by General**  
**Category of Service and Rate Classification**  
**February, 2001**

<b>Residential</b>		
General		602,159
Seasonal Air Conditioning		268
General L.P. Gas		180
Total Residential		<u>602,607</u>
<b>Commercial</b>		
General		38,759
Seasonal Air Conditioning		46
General L.P. Gas		2
Unmetered Gas Light		118
Vehicular Fuel		5
Large Volume		55
Interruptible		9
Large Volume Transportation and Sales Service		52
Total Commercial		<u>39,046</u>
<b>Industrial</b>		
General		1,854
Seasonal Air Conditioning		2
Large Volume		62
Interruptible		6
Large Volume Transportation and Sales Service		101
Total Industrial		<u>2,025</u>
<b>Total</b>		<u><u>643,678</u></u>

**LACLEDE GAS COMPANY**  
**Average Annual Change Requested in Dollars**  
**and Percentage Change from Current Rates**

	<u>Average Annual Change</u>	<u>Percentage Change</u>
<b><u>Residential</u></b>		
General	\$52	5.6%
Seasonal Air Conditioning	90	5.5%
General L.P. Gas	39	4.5%
Average Residential	\$52	5.6%
<b><u>Commercial</u></b>		
General	\$148	3.5%
Seasonal Air Conditioning	1,457	3.3%
General L.P. Gas	81	4.4%
Unmetered Gas Light	41	4.2%
Vehicular Fuel	111	1.2%
Large Volume	4,666	2.6%
Interruptible	6,003	2.2%
Large Volume Transportation and Sales Service	8,802	12.0%
Average Commercial	\$169	3.6%
<b><u>Industrial</u></b>		
General	\$496	3.4%
Seasonal Air Conditioning	\$2,332	3.4%
Large Volume	3,628	2.3%
Interruptible	3,942	2.2%
Large Volume Transportation and Sales Service	12,338	8.3%
Average Industrial	\$1,200	4.6%

LACLEDE GAS COMPANY  
PROPOSED ANNUAL AGGREGATE CHANGE AND  
PERCENTAGE CHANGE IN REVENUES FROM CURRENT RATES

	Annual Aggregate <u>Change</u>	Percentage <u>Change</u>
<u>Residential</u>		
General Service	\$30,898,177	5.6%
Seasonal Air Conditioning	\$25,240	5.5%
General L.P. Gas	\$6,576	4.5%
Total	\$30,929,993	5.6%
<u>Commercial</u>		
General Service	\$5,609,574	3.5%
Seasonal Air Conditioning	\$72,469	3.3%
General L.P. Gas	\$258	4.4%
Unmetered Gas Light	\$4,901	4.2%
Vehicular Fuel	\$535	1.2%
Large Volume	\$256,661	2.6%
Interruptible	\$50,318	2.2%
Large Volume Transportation and Sales Service	\$457,703	12.0%
Total	\$6,452,419	3.6%
<u>Industrial</u>		
General Service	\$908,654	3.4%
Seasonal Air Conditioning	\$4,276	3.4%
Large Volume	\$216,867	2.3%
Interruptible	\$23,242	2.2%
Large Volume Transportation and Sales Service	\$1,246,186	8.3%
Total	\$2,399,225	4.6%
Total	\$39,781,637	5.0%

# **NEWS RELEASE**

## **LACLEDE GAS**

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LGC Exhibit No. 2  
GENERAL INFORMATION  
AND PRESS RELEASE  
Schedule 6, Consisting of 3 Pages

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
May 18, 2001

### **Laclede Gas seeks rate recovery for increases in distribution costs**

ST. LOUIS, MO — Laclede Gas Company (NYSE: LG) today filed a request with the Missouri Public Service Commission for an increase in the portion of its general rate structure to recover increased distribution costs associated with providing natural gas service to its more than 633,000 customers in St. Louis and surrounding counties in Eastern Missouri. This filing does not impact the other portions of Laclede's bill associated with wholesale gas costs, local gross receipt tax rates or interstate pipeline and storage costs that represent the majority of our customer bills.

Today's request is unlikely to result in higher customer rates during next winter's heating season because the Public Service Commission usually suspends the implementation of general rate increases until the utility's filing has been thoroughly audited and reviewed. That process may take as long as 11 months, which means the first winter heating bills customers are likely to receive under the new rates would come during the winter of 2002-2003.

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The last time a general rate increase went into effect for Laclede customers was December 27, 1999.

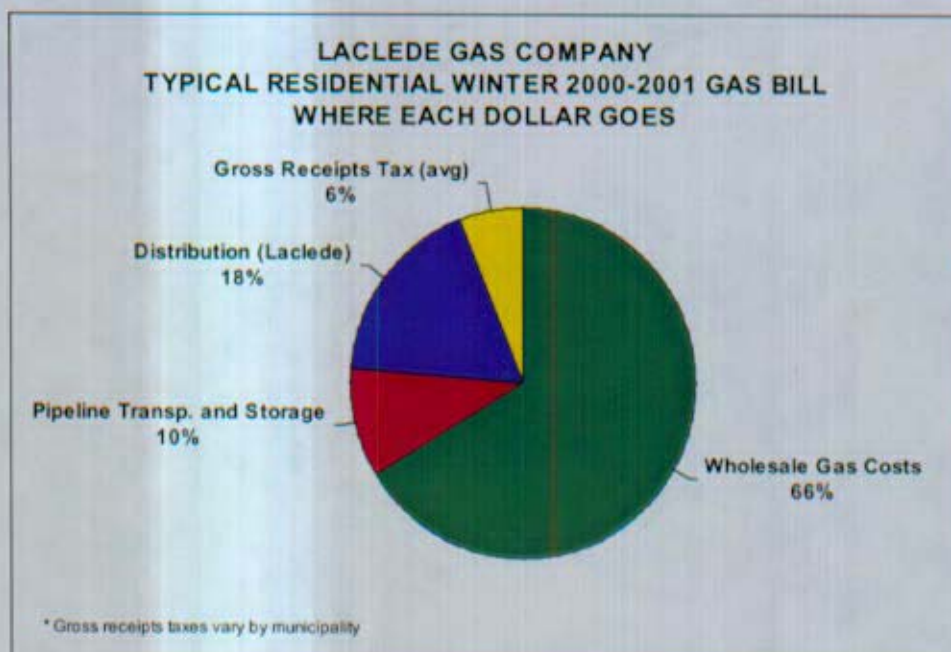
This general rate increase applies only to the distribution cost portion of a Laclede customer's total bill, which typically is about one-fifth of the total during the winter. This is the amount necessary to cover Laclede's costs of operating and maintaining its 15,000-mile gas distribution and storage system, and includes the state and federal taxes the company must pay. From this portion, Laclede also pays dividends to its shareholders, who have provided the capital necessary to build the distribution and storage system.

Laclede's request would increase a typical residential heating customer's bill by an average of \$4.90 a month. The increase would apply throughout Laclede's system, including its operating divisions known as St. Charles Gas, Midwest Missouri Gas, and Missouri Natural Gas.

Missouri law calls for rates to be established that cover the utility's cost of providing safe, reliable service to its customers while providing a reasonable rate of return to the company's investors. This rate increase is needed to recover the increased costs of operating and maintaining Laclede's distribution system and to offset the added capital costs associated with Laclede's replacement and installation of gas mains, service lines and related facilities during the past several years.

The remaining and by far the largest portion of a customer's bill involves the prices Laclede pays others to acquire natural gas supplies to meet its customers' needs and to store and transport those supplies from production fields to Laclede's service

area. Wholesale gas costs are the product of a competitive national marketplace created two decades ago when the federal government deregulated wholesale gas prices charged by producers at the wellhead.



Laclede has initiated several innovative proposals designed to minimize the impact on customers of fluctuations in wholesale gas prices and weather-related gas usage which are pending before the Missouri Public Service Commission. The Commission already has approved Laclede's hedging program that helps offset the amount of wholesale prices charged to customers, and the Commission has before it proposals to extend Laclede's Gas Supply Incentive Plan and adopt the company's weather mitigation proposal.

Note: This news release contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. The Company's future operating results may be affected by various uncertainties and risk factors, many of which are beyond the Company's control, including weather conditions, governmental and regulatory policy and action, the competitive environment and economic factors. For a more complete description of these uncertainties and risk factors, see the Company's Form 10-K for the year ended September 30, 2000, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.



REASONS FOR PROPOSED RATE AND TARIFF CHANGES

The Company's proposed rate increase is necessary generally to offset certain operating costs, additional return requirements and the added capital costs associated with the Company's replacement and installation of facilities over the past several years as well as reflect the financial effect of the Company's proposals to revise certain recent ratemaking practices that have had a detrimental impact on the level of financial resources available to the Company to carry out its public service obligations. Changes to other tariff sheets of the Company and reasons in support of such changes are as follows:

The Company revised Sheet No. 4-a of its tariff to provide that the Company's Commercial and Industrial Seasonal Air Conditioning rate would also apply to customers who use gas for on-site power generation. Such a revision would encourage additional throughput on Laclede's system during off-peak periods when no additional facilities would be required to serve such load.

The Company revised Sheet Nos. 15, 17, 28-h and 34-a to include the recovery of gas inventory carrying costs in the Company's PGA clause in order to ensure that the amount of such costs recovered from customers would correspond to the Company's actual investment in these inventories.

The Company revised Sheet Nos. 31-a and R-41 so that the costs associated with service initiation are borne by the customers responsible for such costs.

The Company revised Sheet No. R-11 to clarify its obligation regarding the installation of remote reading devices.