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# Laclede Customers to Keep Nearly the Same Rate for Natural Gas

***Cost of Gas rate to increase by less than half a percent of total bill***

**ST. LOUIS (November 18, 2014)** –Laclede Gas customers will see only a slight change to their gas bill when compared to the end of last winter. The typical residential customer's bill will be about $0.31 per month higher based on this modest increase. This new rate took effect today. Weather and other factors that affect customer usage may also impact the bill.

"Natural gas remains the most affordable energy source for home heating, and Laclede customers can depend on the reliability of natural gas to keep them warm. They can also depend on Laclede to closely manage its costs and keep rates as low as possible for customers while maintaining that reliability," said Steve Lindsey, president of Laclede Gas.

There is no markup on the Cost of Gas rate for Laclede customers. This rate reflects changes in the prices charged by Laclede's wholesale natural gas and pipeline transportation suppliers during the last year. The cost of gas accounts for nearly 60 percent of a typical residential customer bill. The remaining 40 percent of a bill is made up of the infrastructure, operating and maintenance costs Laclede Gas incurs to deliver that gas safely and reliably to homes and businesses.

**ABOUT LACLEDE GAS COMPANY**

Laclede Gas Company has provided safe and reliable natural gas service to Missouri for more than 150 years. Now including customers from Missouri Gas Energy, we are the largest gas distribution company in Missouri, delivering some of the nation's cleanest energy to more than 1.1 million customers. Laclede serves residential, commercial and industrial customers in the St. Louis and Kansas City metropolitan areas and 40 counties throughout Missouri. Laclede Gas Company is a subsidiary of The Laclede Group, Inc., traded on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol LG. For more information, please visit www.LacledeGas.com.

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