

LACLEDE GAS CO
Form 8-K
May 20, 2013

United States
Securities and Exchange Commission
Washington, D.C. 20549

Form 8-K
Current Report
Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of Earliest Event Reported): May 20, 2013
Laclede Gas Company
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Missouri	1-1822	43-0368139
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	(Commission File Number)	(IRS Employer Identification No.)

720 Olive Street
St. Louis, Missouri 63101
(Address of principal executive offices, including ZIP code)
(314) 342-0500
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Not Applicable

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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- ☐ Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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 - ☐ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 13e-4(c))
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Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.

Recent Developments - MoPSC Proceedings

On May 20, 2013, Laclede Gas Company (“Laclede Gas”), the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (the “MoPSC”) and the Office of Public Counsel filed a joint motion with the MoPSC to suspend the procedural schedule in Laclede Gas' base rate proceeding as a result of having reached an agreement in principle that would resolve all of the issues in the rate proceeding. The suspension will allow the parties to turn their attention to the negotiation of a formal stipulation and agreement to be filed with the MoPSC. By June 3, 2013, the parties anticipate that they will either file such a joint stipulation and agreement with the MoPSC, or will update the MoPSC on the status of negotiations. Although there can be no assurance that the parties will reach agreement or that the MoPSC will approve any joint stipulation and agreement filed by the parties, we believe a prompt resolution of Laclede Gas' base rate case will permit all parties to focus attention on the application for approval of Laclede Gas' acquisition of Southern Union Company's Missouri Gas Energy division (the “MGE Acquisition”) currently pending before the MoPSC. In fact, Laclede Gas expects a procedural schedule for that proceeding to be filed on or before May 24, 2013 and that this schedule will support obtaining MoPSC approval for the MGE Acquisition by late August 2013.

This Current Report on Form 8-K may include certain statements concerning expectations for the future, including statements regarding the anticipated benefits and other aspects of the matters described above, that are forward-looking statements as defined by federal law. Such forward-looking statements are subject to a variety of known and unknown risks, uncertainties, and other factors that are difficult to predict and many of which are beyond management's control, including the risk that the MGE Acquisition may not be consummated or that the anticipated benefits from such transaction cannot be fully realized. An extensive list of factors that can affect future results are discussed in Laclede Gas' Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended September 30, 2012, Laclede Gas' Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2013 and other documents filed by Laclede Gas from time to time with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Laclede Gas undertakes no obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statement to reflect new information or events.

Laclede Gas is furnishing the information in Item 7.01 of this Current Report on Form 8-K to comply with Regulation FD. Such information shall not be deemed “filed” for any purpose, including for the purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “Exchange Act”), or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that Section. The information in this Current Report on Form 8-K shall not be deemed incorporated by reference into any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act regardless of any general incorporation language in such filing.

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

LACLEDE GAS COMPANY

Date: May 20, 2013

By: /s/ M. C. Kullman
M. C. Kullman
Corporate Secretary