

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a session of the Public Service
Commission held at its office in
Jefferson City on the 9th day of
January, 2007.

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| Staff of the Public Service Commission of Missouri, |) | |
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| Complainant, |) | |
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| v. |) | <u>Case No. GC-2006-0318</u> |
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| Laclede Gas Company, |) | |
| |) | |
| Respondent. |) | |

**ORDER APPROVING JOINT RECOMMENDATION REGARDING
DISCONNECTION OF SERVICE BASED ON UNAUTHORIZED
CONSUMPTION OF NATURAL GAS AT MULTIPLE-DWELLING UNIT
RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS**

Issue Date: January 9, 2007

Effective Date: January 19, 2007

The Commission approved a Stipulation and Agreement on December 21, 2006. Part of that agreement provided that that as part of the resolution of the locked meter showing consumption issue raised by the Commission's Staff, Laclede Gas Company, Staff and the Office of the Public Counsel would collaborate to develop terms by which service could be disconnected when there is unauthorized consumption of natural gas at a multi-tenant building. The Stipulation and Agreement required Laclede, Staff, and Public Counsel to file their recommendations regarding those terms by January 1, 2007. Those parties filed their joint recommendations on December 29.

Laclede, Staff, and Public Counsel recommend that Laclede attempt to gain access to the meter by visiting the multi-unit residential building and by attempting to contact the landlord of the building by telephone. If Laclede is unable to gain access to the meter after reasonable attempts to contact the landlord, it is to follow the procedures outlined in Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-13.050 and Sections 392.550 through 393.565, RSMo 2000. The cited regulation establishes the steps that a utility must take to provide notice to a residential customer before discontinuing service. The cited statutes establish a procedure by which a utility can seek a court order to obtain access to a meter located in a multi-family residential dwelling.

The joint recommendations of Laclede, Staff, and Public Counsel are reasonable and will be accepted by the Commission.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. The Joint Recommendation Regarding Disconnection of Service Based on Unauthorized Consumption of Natural Gas at a Multi-Dwelling Unit Residential Building filed by Laclede Gas Company, Staff, and the Office of the Public Counsel is accepted.
2. This order shall become effective on January 19, 2007.

BY THE COMMISSION



Colleen M. Dale
Secretary

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Davis, Chm., Murray, Gaw, Clayton and Appling, CC., concur

Woodruff, Deputy Chief Regulatory Law Judge