

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**  
**OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

Shane Earley,	)	
	)	
Complainant,	)	
	)	
v.	)	<b><u>Case No. GC-2006-0376</u></b>
	)	
Laclede Gas Company,	)	
	)	
Respondent.	)	

**ORDER DIRECTING STAFF INVESTIGATION**  
**AND FILING OF REPORT**

Issue Date: May 10, 2006

Effective Date: May 10, 2006

This order directs the Staff of the Commission to investigate the facts of this case and to file a report under Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.070(10).

Under 4 CSR 240-2.070(10) the Commission, after a formal complaint has been filed, may direct an analysis by its Staff of the reasons underlying the complaint. The Staff must then file its findings with the Commission and serve copies on the other parties.

The Commission views its Staff as an unbiased third party in this complaint case and will direct the Staff to investigate the contested issues set out in the pleadings and to file a report of its findings with the Commission. The Commission will therefore direct the Staff to file its report and will allow the parties to file responsive pleadings to that report.

**IT IS ORDERED THAT:**

1. The Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission shall investigate the issues set out in the pleadings and file a report of its findings no later than June 23, 2006.

2. The parties **may** file, no later than July 3, 2006, a response to the Staff of the Commission's report.

3. This order will become effective on May 10, 2006.

**BY THE COMMISSION**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Colleen M. Dale', written over a horizontal line.

Colleen M. Dale  
Secretary

( S E A L )

Kennard L. Jones, Regulatory Law Judge,  
by delegation of authority pursuant to  
Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,  
on this 10th day of May, 2006.