OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

Thomas E. LeCuru,)
Complainant,)
V.	Case No. GC-2007-0372
Laclede Gas Company,)
Respondent.)

ORDER DIRECTING STAFF TO INVESTIGATE AND FILE A REPORT

Issue Date: April 6, 2007 Effective Date: April 6, 2007

Thomas E. LeCuru filed a formal complaint against Laclede Gas Company ("Laclede") on April 3, 2007. On April 5, 2007, the Commission notified Laclede of the complaint and allowed it thirty days in which to answer as provided by 4 CSR 240-2.070(7).

The Commission would like to have the benefit of an investigation and report by its Staff before it further considers this matter.¹ Given the circumstances described in the complaint, Staff should be able to complete its investigation and prepare a report concerning the results of that investigation no later than two weeks after Laclede files its answer, which is due no later than May 7, 2007.

¹ Laclede's answer period has just begun. However, 4 CSR 240-2.070(10) states that "[t]he commission may order, at any time after the filing of a complaint, an investigation by its staff as to the cause of the complaint."

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

- 1. The Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission shall promptly commence an investigation of Thomas E. LeCuru's formal complaint against Laclede Gas Company.
- 2. The Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission shall file a report concerning the results of its investigation no later than two weeks after Laclede files its answer to Mr. LeCuru's complaint.
 - 3. This order shall become effective on April 6, 2007.

BY THE COMMISSION

Colleen M. Dale Secretary

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Benjamin H. Lane, Regulatory Law Judge, by delegation of authority under Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri, on this 6th day of April, 2007.