Notice of *Ex Parte* Contact

TO: Data Center All Parties in Case No. **GC-2006-0390**

FROM: Chairman Jeff Davis 900 4

DATE: March 21, 2007



On March 20, 2007 I received the attached letter from Ms. Phyllis A. Zilm regarding Laclede. The Commission is currently considering some of the issues discussed in this document in case **GC-2006-0390** which is a contested case. In contested cases, the Commission is bound by the same *ex parte* rule as a court of law.

Although communications from members of the public and other government officials are always welcome, those communications must be made known to all parties to a contested case so that those parties have the opportunity to respond. According to the Commission's rules (4 CSR 240-4.020(8)), when a communication (either oral or written) occurs outside the hearing process, any member of the Commission or Regulatory Law Judge who received the communication shall prepare a written report concerning the communication and submit it to each member of the Commission and the parties to the case. The report shall identify the person(s) who participated in the *ex parte* communication, the circumstances which resulted in the communication, the substance of the communication, and the relationship of the communication to a particular matter at issue before the Commission.

Therefore, I submit this report pursuant to the rules cited above. This will ensure that any party to this case will have notice of the attached information and a full and fair opportunity to respond to the comments contained therein.

cc: Commissioners Executive Director Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge General Counsel



Phyllis A. Zilm Deputy City Clerk 636-477-6600, ext. 233

March 13, 2007

Missouri Public Service Commission Attn. Jeff Davis, Chairman Governor Office Building 200 Madison Street P.O. Box 360 Jefferson City, Missouri 65102-0360

Dear Mr. Davis:

On February 23rd, 2006, The Board of Alderman adopted Resolution No. 1327 which opposes the regulatory changes that Laclede Gas has sought before the Missouri Public Commission.

A certified copy of Resolution No. 1327, is enclosed.

Sincerely,

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Phyllis A. Zilm Deputy City Clerk

Enclosure

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RESOLUTION NO. 1327

A RESOLUTION THAT THE CITY OF ST. PETERS OPPOSES THE REGULATORY CHANGES THAT LACLEDE GAS HAS SOUGHT BEFORE THE MISSOURI PUBLIC COMMISSION

WHEREAS, Laclede Gas Company is the provider of natural gas for both residential and commercial consumers in City of St. Peters, and

WHEREAS, Laclede Gas Company has a monopoly on providing said natural gas service to consumers in City of St. Peters; and

WHEREAS, Laclede Gas Company has, in the past, been more focused on customer service, as demonstrated by its safety inspections, annual reads, testing of meters, etc.; and

WHEREAS, there have been various explosions within Laclede Gas Company's distribution system which were caused by faulty natural gas facilities; and

WHEREAS, Laclede Gas employees have frequently detected potentially dangerous gas appliances and gas lines while making safety inspections, annual reads, testing of meters, etc.; and

WHEREAS, Laclede Gas Company has recently requested that the Missouri Public Service Commission relieve Laclede Gas Company of some of its obligations to conduct inspections, perform meter sampling, annual reads, hot meter changes, etc.; and

WHEREAS, these proposed changes will harm consumers by reducing annual inspections, increasing the frequency of estimated readings, etc.; and

WHEREAS, these proposed changes will negatively affect the safety of consumers, their homes and businesses and the overall community of City of St. Peters.

NOW BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the City of St. Peters opposes the regulatory changes that Laclede Gas has sought before the Missouri Public Service Commission and urges the Missouri Public Service Commission to reject the request from Laclede Gas Company for relief from its obligations to Missouri consumers by sending a certified copy of this resolution to the Missouri Service Commission.

Read and adopted this 23rd day of February 2006.

Shawn C. Brown, Mayor

STATE OF MISSOURI

I, Phyllis A. Zilm, Deputy City Clerk within and for the City of St. Peters, a Fourth Class City in the County of St.Charles, Missouri and a Municipal Corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Missouri, do hereby certify that the foregoing constitutes a true and correct copy of <u>RESOLUTION NO. 1327 OF THE CITY OF ST. PETERS, MISSOURI</u> <u>ADOPTED FEBRUARY 23, 2006</u> as fully as the same remains on record at St. Peters City Hall.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the City of St. Peters, Missouri, at my office in said City this <u>13TH day of MARCH, 2007</u>

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Deputy City Clerk, Custodian of Records City of St. Peters, Missouri

(City seal)