

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

In the Matter of the Verified Application	)	
and Petition of Laclede Gas Company to	)	
Change its Infrastructure System	)	Case No. GO-2015-0269
Replacement Surcharge in Its Laclede Gas	)	
Service Territory	)	

**PUBLIC COUNSEL’S NOTICE TO THE COMMISSION**

COMES NOW the Office of the Public Counsel, and for its notice to the Commission, states:

1. Laclede Gas Company initiated this case with its April 17, 2015 application requesting approval of a rate increase for Laclede's Infrastructure System Replacement Surcharge (ISRS).

2. On May 1, 2015, the Commission's Staff filed its Staff Recommendation wherein the Staff recommended that the Commission grant Laclede an incremental ISRS increase of \$5,524,406, for a total ISRS of \$15,322,676.

3. On May 12, 2015, Public Counsel filed a motion raising concerns with five (5) separate work orders. Public Counsel’s reply also stated that Public Counsel would make a filing by May 15, 2015 to notify the Commission whether Public Counsel requests an evidentiary hearing.

4. Upon further analysis and discussion with Laclede, Public Counsel no longer opposes three (3) of those work orders. Regarding the remaining two work orders, it is Public Counsel’s understanding, based upon discussions with Laclede, that Laclede will remove those two work orders from this ISRS request. Those work orders include

Work Order 003304, in the amount of \$673,104, and Work Order 003305, in the amount of \$571,857, for a combined total of \$1,244,961 to be removed.

5. With this change, Public Counsel does not request an evidentiary hearing. This non-opposition to the ISRS increase should not be considered agreement that the remaining ISRS amounts are just and reasonable, or lawful under the ISRS statutes. §§ 393.1009, 393.1012, and 393.1015 RSMo. Public Counsel retains the right to challenge these costs in Laclede's next rate case. *See* § 393.1015(8), (9), and (10).

WHEREFORE, Public Counsel offers this notice to the Commission.

Respectfully submitted,

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, emailed or hand-delivered to all counsel of record this 15th day of May 2015:

**/s/ Marc Poston**

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