

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

Joseph Schneider,)	
)	
Complainant,)	
)	
v.)	Case No. GC-2008-0159
)	
Laclede Gas Company,)	
)	
Respondent.)	

STAFF REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION

COMES NOW Staff of the Public Service Commission of Missouri (Commission), and for its Report, states:

1. In its November 14, 2007, *Notice of Complaint and Order Directing Staff Investigation and Responses*, the Commission directed Laclede Gas Company (Laclede or Company) to file its response to this complaint by December 15, 2007, and Staff to file its report of its investigation by December 26, 2007, in accordance with Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.070. Laclede filed its answer to this complaint on December 14, 2007.

2. Accordingly, the Staff submits its Report concerning the results of its investigation and its recommendation, attached hereto as Appendix A, with supporting schedules 1 and 2, marked Highly Confidential, and incorporated by reference herein. Because the Staff's Report contains personal billing information, it is marked Highly Confidential (HC) in accordance with Commission Rule 4CSR 240-2.070(10).

3. Based on the results of Staff's investigation of this matter and for reasons more clearly explained in its Report, the Staff has found no violation on the part of Laclede of Commission rules or Company tariffs regarding the bills it issued to Complainant and recommends that the Commission dismiss this Complaint.

WHEREFORE, the Staff respectfully requests the Commission accept its Report and Recommendation and dismiss this Complaint.

Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand-delivered, transmitted by facsimile or electronic mail to all counsel of record this 26th day of December 2007.

/s/ **Robert S. Berlin**