

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

Raymond Joseph Freeman, III,	)	
	)	
Complainant,	)	
	)	<b><u>Case No. GC-2009-0047</u></b>
v.	)	
	)	
Laclede Gas Company,	)	
	)	
Respondent.	)	

**MOTION FOR THE COMMISSION TO ISSUE ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE OR  
IN THE ALTERNATIVE TO SET A DATE FOR HEARING**

**COMES NOW** the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff), by and through counsel, and submits a Motion for the Commission to Issue Order to Show Cause or in the Alternative to Set a Date for Hearing as follows:

1. On August 15, 2008, Raymond Joseph Freeman, III (Mr. Freeman or Complainant), filed a formal complaint with the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission) against Laclede Gas Company (Laclede).
2. In his complaint, Mr. Freeman asserts several allegations against Laclede concerning the disconnection of his services, the status of his account number, and the methods by which Laclede structures its rates.
3. On August 19, 2008 the Commission ordered a *Notice of Complaint and Order Directing Staff Investigation*, directing Staff to file a report of investigation no later than October 8, 2008.

4. On September 18, 2008, Laclede filed an *Answer To And Motion To Dismiss Complaint*, in which it denied any wrongdoing under Missouri law or Commission rules.

5. On October 7, 2008, Staff filed its *Report of Staff Investigation* in which Staff reported that Mr. Freeman has not alleged any violations of Missouri statute, Commission rules, or Laclede's tariff, and that Staff is unable to find any violations thereof.

**WHEREFORE**, Staff recommends the Commission issue an Order directing Mr. Freeman to show cause why his complaint should not be dismissed, or in the alternative to issue an Order setting a date for an evidentiary hearing in this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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