

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

Shane Earley,)	
)	
Complainant,)	
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)	
v.)	
)	Case No. GC-2006-0376
Laclede Gas Company,)	
)	
Respondent.)	

STAFF'S REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff) and respectfully submits as follows:

1. On March 31, 2006, Shane Earley (Complainant) filed his Complaint against Laclede Gas Company (Laclede) with the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission).
2. On May 3, 2006, Laclede filed its Answer.
3. On May 10, 2006, the Commission issued its Order Directing Filing Staff Investigation and Report by June 23, 2006.
4. Staff's Report and Recommendation is attached hereto as Attachment A. The Report is filed as Highly Confidential pursuant to 4 CSR 240-2.070(10).

WHEREFORE, Staff requests that the Commission accept Staff's report for the reasons set forth in Attachment A.

Respectfully submitted,

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