

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

In the Matter of the Application of)	
Laclede Gas Company for an Accounting)	
Authority Order Authorizing the Company)	
to Defer for Future Recovery the Costs of)	Case No. GU-2007-0138
Complying with the Permanent)	
Amendment to the Commission's Cold)	
Weather Rule.)	

**PUBLIC COUNSEL'S OBJECTION TO THE
NON-UNANIMOUS STIPULATION OF FACTS**

COMES NOW the Missouri Office of the Public Counsel and for its Objection to the Non-Unanimous Stipulation of Facts states:

1. On March 24, 2008, Laclede Gas Company filed a Non-Unanimous Stipulation of Facts between Laclede and the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff).

2. Commission rule 4 CSR 240-2.115(2)(B) states that any party has seven days from the filing of a non-unanimous stipulation to file an objection. Public Counsel objects to the Non-Unanimous Stipulation of Facts for the reasons identified in Public Counsel's February 28, 2008 position filing and the Direct Testimony of Russell Trippensee. Public Counsel also objects on the grounds that the amount stipulated to between Staff and Laclede is not supported by evidence.

3. Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.115(2)(D) states that a non-unanimous stipulation to which a timely objection has been filed shall be considered to be merely a position of the signatory parties to the stipulated position, and no party shall be bound by it.

WHEREFORE, the Office of the Public Counsel respectfully objects to the Non-
Unanimous Stipulation of Facts filed March 24, 2008.

Respectfully submitted,

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