

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

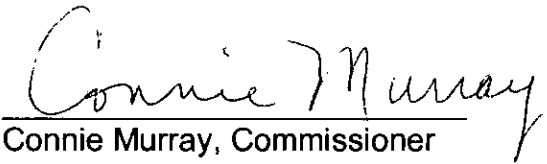
Staff of the Public Service Commission of Missouri,	)	
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Complainant,	)	
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v.	)	Case No. GC-2006-0318
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Laclede Gas Company,	)	
	)	
Respondent.	)	

The Office of the Public Counsel,	)	
	)	
Complainant,	)	
	)	
v.	)	Case No. GC-2006-0431
	)	
Laclede Gas Company,	)	
	)	
Respondent.	)	

**CONCURRING OPINION OF COMMISSIONER CONNIE MURRAY**

In its order, the Commission voted to hold Staff's complaint case open for three years to monitor Laclede Gas Company's ("Laclede") billing practices and its compliance with the Stipulation and Agreement. Laclede's failure to do so could result in staff requesting penalties against it. The Commission found that the Stipulation and Agreement resolved completely both the Office of Public Counsel's complaint and Count 2 of Staff's complaint. I voted for the Order because I believe the terms of the Stipulation and Agreement have benefit to Laclede's customers and that the revised language at least provides some clear direction as to Laclede's future responsibilities. I believe, however, that the Commission should have accepted the Stipulation and Agreement as a resolution of all the issues and closed the case.

**Respectfully submitted,**

  
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Connie Murray, Commissioner

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri  
on this 21<sup>st</sup> day of December, 2006.