

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

In the Matter of Laclede Gas Company's Verified )  
Application for Authority to Issue and Sell First )  
Mortgage Bonds, Unsecured Debt and Preferred )  
Stock in Connection with a Universal Shelf )  
Registration Statement, to Issue Common Stock and )  
Receive Capital Contributions, to issue or accept )  
Private Placement Securities, and to Enter Into )  
Capital Leases, all in a Total Amount Not to )  
Exceed \$600 Million )

**Case No. GF-2009-0450**

**SECOND STATUS REPORT**

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission) and for its status report states as follows:

1. On June 30, 2009, Laclede Gas Company (Laclede or Company) filed its application with the Commission seeking permission to issue some \$600,000,000 in various securities and to pledge its Missouri operating assets as collateral.

2. On July 2, 2009, the Commission issued its Order Directing Filing ordering the Staff to file its Recommendation regarding this matter no later than July 31, 2009. On July 7, 2009, the Commission issued its *Order Allowing Status Report In Lieu Of Recommendation* permitting Staff to file a Status Report no later than July 31, 2009.

3. Staff filed its first Status Report on July 31, 2009 informing the Commission it would file its second status report by August 31, 2009. On August 3, 2009, the Commission issued its order approving Staff's filing of its second status report by August 31, 2009.

4. As discovery has progressed during this case, Laclede has raised timely objections to several of Staff's Data Requests. Representatives of Staff and Laclede held a technical conference on August 31, 2009 for the purpose of determining the necessity of additional discovery. Though the technical conference was productive, the parties are continuing to

exchange information for subsequent staff analyses. Accordingly, the Staff anticipates it will be in a position to file either its recommendation or a status report informing when it would file its recommendation no later than September 30, 2009.

WHEREFORE, the Staff respectfully requests the Commission accept this status report and permit Staff to file either its recommendation or a status report in the above-captioned case no later than September 30, 2009.

Respectfully submitted,

**/s/ Robert S. Berlin**

Robert S. Berlin  
Senior Counsel  
Missouri Bar No. 51709

Attorney for the Staff of the  
Missouri Public Service Commission  
P. O. Box 360  
Jefferson City, MO 65102  
(573) 526-7779 (Telephone)  
(573) 751-9285 (Fax)  
email: [bob.berlin@psc.mo.gov](mailto:bob.berlin@psc.mo.gov)

### **Certificate of Service**

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand-delivered, transmitted by facsimile or electronically mailed to all counsel of record this 31st day of August 2009.

**/s/ Robert S. Berlin**