

**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

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 wishes to inform the Commission that the parties are continuing to exchange information. Because Staff has a need to conduct additional discovery in this matter, Staff requests Commission permission to file a status report on August 31, 2009, informing the Commission when it intends to file its recommendation.

WHEREFORE, the Staff respectfully requests the Commission accept this Status Report and permit Staff to file its next status report in the above-captioned case no later than August 31, 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

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 July 2009.

/s/ Robert S. Berlin