

**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	)	Case No. GF-2009-0450
Stock and Receive Capital Contributions, to Issue	)	
and Accept Private Placement Securities, and to	)	
Enter Into Capital Leases, all in a Total Amount	)	
Not to Exceed \$600 Million.	)	

**PUBLIC COUNSEL'S  
POSITION STATEMENT**

**COMES NOW** the Office of the Public Counsel pursuant to the Commission's Scheduling Order in the above captioned case and states that Public Counsel has not taken a position on the issues identified in the List of Issues. Public Counsel reserves the right under Section 386.710 RSMo 2000 to take a position on any contested issue during the evidentiary hearing and/or in a post-hearing brief.

Respectfully submitted,

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

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