

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

In the Matter of Laclede Gas Company's) Case No. GR-2005-0284
Tariff to Revise Natural Gas Rate Schedules)

STAFF RESPONSE TO COMMISSION ORDER
AND MOTION TO LATE FILE

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission and files its Response to the Commission's May 4, 2007 Order concerning the adequacy of the information Laclede submitted concerning its Low Income Energy Affordability Program (Program). Staff respectfully submits as follows:

1. On April 11, 2007, Staff requested the Commission order Laclede to submit information concerning the progress of its Low Income Energy Affordability Program.
2. On April 23, Laclede filed claiming that “meaningful” information was not available when the report was first due in July 2006.
3. Staff received information from Laclede that is voluminous. Staff is in the process of reviewing the information and has questions concerning the information submitted.
4. Information concerning the eighteen (18) months of pre-Sept 2005 usage/bill records, or the "records of customer contacts and/or collection activities” referred to in Attachment A to the Stipulation and Agreement in this case does not appear to be in the information submitted to date.

5. Staff expects to be able to work with Laclede to obtain the additional information or to get answers concerning the information.

6. Staff apologizes for this late filing and requests the Commission accept this pleading in satisfaction of the Commission's order Directing Filing in this Case.

WHEREFORE Staff requests that the Commission accept this pleading in satisfaction of the Commission's May 4 Order and recommends that the case may be closed at this time.

Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand-delivered, or transmitted by facsimile or electronic mail to all counsel of record this 16th day of May 2007.

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