

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

In the matter of the Application of Laclede )  
Gas Company for a Temporary Variance )  
from Certain Portions of Rule 10A of its )  
Tariffs Regarding Meter Testing in )  
Connection with its Implementation of an )  
Automated Meter Reading Program. )

Case No. GE-2005-0405

**STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION**

COMES NOW Staff of the Public Service Commission of Missouri, and for its recommendation states:

1. On May 10, 2005, Laclede Gas Company filed its application for a variance from certain portions of its tariff concerning meter testing. Laclede stated that the variance would help its program to install automated meter reading equipment throughout its service area.

2. The variance would permit Laclede to systematically replace meters that cannot be fitted with AMR devices, typically older meters. For a fuller description, see the Staff Memorandum attached as Attachment A.

WHEREFORE, Staff recommends that the Commission grant Laclede the variance, and order Laclede to note in its tariff both this variance and the variance granted in Case No. GO-95-320.

Respectfully submitted,

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