BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of Laclede Gas Company's) Case No. GR-2010-0171 Tariff to Revise Natural Gas Rate Schedules)

STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION TO

APPROVE TARIFF SHEETS AS IN COMPLIANCE WITH COMMISSION

ORDER AND TO PERMIT EXPEDITED TREATMENT

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Staff") and in compliance with the Commission's August 18, 2010 Report and Order states:

1. On August 18, 2010, the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission) issued its *Report and Order* (Order) in Case No. GR-2010-0171.

2. This Order approved the Stipulations and Agreements reached by the Parties to the case.

3. On August 18, 2010, Laclede filed tariff sheets to comply with the Commission's Order.

4. Staff has reviewed the tariff sheets and recommends approval of the tariff sheets as described in the attached Staff Recommendation.

5. Laclede requested an effective date of September 1, 2010, which is less than the standard 30-day period, but which complies with the Commission's Order.

WHEREFORE Staff recommends the Commission approve Laclede's tariff filing as in compliance with the Commission's August 18 Report and Order and permit the rates to become effective on September 1, 2010.

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Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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 23rd day of August, 2010.

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