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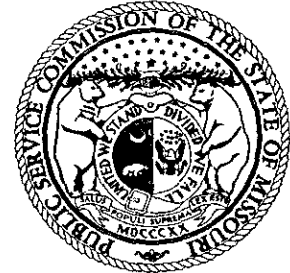
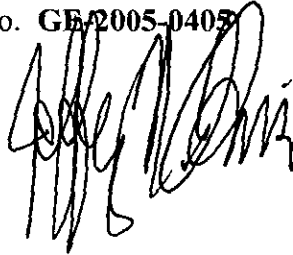
Notice of *Ex Parte* Contact

Missouri Public  
Service Commission

TO: Data Center  
All Parties in Case No. ~~GE-2005-0405~~

FROM: Chairman Jeff Davis

DATE: December 2, 2005



On November 28, 2005 I received the attached letter from Marcia Jones regarding Laclede Gas. The Commission is currently considering the issues discussed in this document in cases GE-2005-0405, which is a contested cases. In contested cases, the Commission is bound by the same *ex parte* rule as a court of law.

Although communications from members of the public and members of the legislature are always welcome, those communications must be made known to all parties to a contested case so that those parties have the opportunity to respond. According to the Commission's rules (4 CSR 240-4.020(8)), when a communication (either oral or written) occurs outside the hearing process, any member of the Commission or Regulatory Law Judge who received the communication shall prepare a written report concerning the communication and submit it to each member of the Commission and the parties to the case. The report shall identify the person(s) who participated in the *ex parte* communication, the circumstances which resulted in the communication, the substance of the communication, and the relationship of the communication to a particular matter at issue before the Commission.

Therefore, I submit this report pursuant to the rules cited above. This will ensure that any party to this case will have notice of the attached information and a full and fair opportunity to respond to the comments contained therein.

cc: Commissioners  
Executive Director  
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge  
General Counsel



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November 21, 2005

Mr. Jeff Davis, Chairman  
Missouri Public Service Commission  
Governor Office Building  
P.O. Box 360  
200 Madison Street  
Jefferson City, Missouri 65102

Re: Laclede Gas Company  
Relief from obligations

Dear Mr. Davis:

Attached is a copy of Resolution 2005-825, urging the Commission to reject the request by Laclede Gas Company for relief from its obligations to Missouri consumers. This resolution was unanimously passed by the Maryland Heights City Council at their regular meeting of November 17.

Sincerely

Marcia L. Jones, CMC/MRCC  
City Clerk

**RESOLUTION NO. 2005-825**

**A RESOLUTION URGING THE MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION TO  
REJECT THE REQUEST BY LACLEDE GAS COMPANY FOR RELIEF  
FROM ITS OBLIGATIONS TO MISSOURI CONSUMERS**

**WHEREAS**, Laclede Gas Company is the sole provider of natural gas service to both residential and commercial consumers within the City of Maryland Heights, Missouri as well as to the overall community of St. Louis County; and

**WHEREAS**, there have been various explosions within St. Louis County which were caused by faulty natural gas facilities; and

**WHEREAS**, Laclede Gas employees have frequently detected potentially dangerous gas appliances while making safety inspections, annual reads, testing of meters, etc., and

**WHEREAS**, Laclede Gas Company has recently requested that the Missouri Public Service Commission relieve the Company of some of its obligations to conduct inspections, perform meter sampling, etc., and

**WHEREAS**, these proposed changes will negatively affect the safety of consumers, their homes and businesses within the City of Maryland Heights, Missouri and the overall community of St. Louis County.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Maryland Heights, Missouri as follows:

**RESOLVED**, that the City Council urges the Missouri Public Service Commission to reject the request by Laclede Gas Company for relief from its obligations to Missouri consumers.

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the City Clerk is directed to send a certified copy of this Resolution to the Missouri Public Service Commission.

**PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL AND APPROVED BY THE MAYOR THIS 17<sup>TH</sup> DAY  
OF NOVEMBER 2005.**

  
Mayor/Presiding Officer

ATTEST:

  
City Clerk