

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

FIFTH STATUS REPORT

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission) and for its status report states as follows:

1. On October 30, 2009, Staff filed its Fourth Status Report informing the Commission that Staff and the Company are continuing discussions regarding Laclede's Application and Staff's concerns with Laclede's financing proposal.
2. On November 2, 2009, the Commission issued its *Order Granting Request To File Fifth Status Report And Setting Deadline*.
3. Staff and Laclede are continuing to exchange information regarding Staff's concerns and are working to resolve those concerns before Staff files its recommendation.
4. Accordingly, the Staff anticipates it will be in a position to file either its recommendation or a status report informing when it would file its recommendation no later than December 30, 2009.

WHEREFORE, the Staff respectfully requests the Commission accept this status report and permit Staff to file either its recommendation or a status report in the above-captioned case no later than December 30, 2009.

Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand-delivered, transmitted by facsimile or electronically mailed to all counsel of record this 30th day of November 2009.

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