

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

In the Matter of Laclede Gas Company's )  
Verified Application for a Two Year Extension )  
of the Financing Authority Granted in Case No. ) **Case No. GF-2013-0085**  
GF-2009-0450 Subject to the Same Terms and )  
Conditions Previously Approved by the )  
Commission. )

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

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

1. On August 21, 2012, Laclede Gas Company (Laclede or Company) filed its verified application seeking a two year extension to the financing authority granted by the Commission in Case No. GF-2009-0450.

2. On August 23, 2012, the Commission issued its *Order Directing Filing* requiring the Staff to file its recommendation as to the application no later than September 24, 2012.

3. The Staff has reviewed Laclede's application for a two year extension and submits its recommendation for approval subject to the additional notice condition discussed in Staff's Memorandum, attached as Appendix A.

**WHEREFORE**, for the reasons discussed in detail in Staff's Memorandum, the Staff recommends the Commission approve Laclede's request for a two year extension of the financing authority granted in Case No. GF-2009-0450 subject to the same terms and conditions previously approved by the Commission and that the Commission's approval be subject to the additional condition requiring Laclede to provide Staff 30-day notice explaining the intended use of the proceeds from the anticipated financing before Laclede closes on any financing transaction issued under the financing authority.

Respectfully submitted,

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

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 24th day of September 2012.

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