

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

Betty R. Barnes-Mays)	
)	
Complainant)	
)	
v.)	<u>Case No. GC-2010-0121</u>
)	
Laclede Gas Company,)	
)	
Respondant)	

STATUS REPORT

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff) and respectfully submits as follows:

1. On October 16, 2009, Betty Barnes-Mays (Complainant) filed a formal complaint against Laclede Gas Company (Laclede or Company) with the Missouri Public Service Commission.
2. On February 11, 2010, the parties convened for a pre-hearing conference.
3. As of the date of this filing, settlement negotiations are ongoing. Staff, however, remains optimistic that Ms. Mays and Laclede will come to a mutually agreeable resolution.
4. Staff respectfully requests an additional 30 days for the parties to reach a settlement. Staff will file a status report informing the Commission of settlement reached between the parties as soon as one is reached, or in the alternative, that no settlement has been reached after the additional 30 days.

WHEREFORE, the Staff requests that the Commission accept Staff's Status Report and grant the parties an additional 30 days for ongoing settlement negotiations,

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed with first-class postage, hand-delivered, transmitted by facsimile or electronically mailed to all counsel of record this 29th day of March 2010.

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