

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

In the Matter of Laclede Gas Company's )	
Tariff to Increase Its Annual Revenues for )	Case No. GR-2010-0171
Natural Gas Service. )	

**PUBLIC COUNSEL'S RESPONSE  
REGARDING TEST YEAR AND TRUE-UP**

**COMES NOW** the Missouri Office of the Public Counsel and for its response regarding the test year and true-up periods and dates states:

1. Public Counsel has no objections to Laclede Gas Company's recommendation to establish the test year as the twelve-month period ending September 30, 2009.
2. Public Counsel also has no objections to Laclede's recommendation to update the test year for known and measurable changes through March 31, 2010.
3. Public Counsel cannot offer a recommendation regarding the need for a true-up until after a substantial portion of the audit is completed.

WHEREFORE, the Office of the Public Counsel respectfully offers this response regarding the recommendations for the test year and true-up periods and dates.

Respectfully submitted,

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