

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

In the Matter of the filing of Laclede Gas)	
Company's PGA factors to be reviewed in)	<u>Case No. GR-2013-0253</u>
its 2011-2012 ACA filing.)	

STAFF PUBLIC AND HC ACA RECOMMENDATION FILING

COMES NOW the Staff ("Staff") of the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission") in the above-captioned matter and for its *Public and HC ACA Recommendation Filing* respectfully states as follows:

1. In response to the Commission's *Order Directing Filing* issued herein on November 20, 2012, on December 13, 2013 Staff filed its ACA Recommendation in this case concerning Laclede Gas Company's ("Laclede") 2011-2012 Actual Cost Adjustment ("ACA") filing as set forth in the Staff Recommendation Memorandum filed on December 13, 2013.

2. As stated in the cover pleading accompanying Staff's December 13, 2013 ACA Recommendation, the Staff Recommendation Memorandum was filed as Highly Confidential ("HC") in its entirety at that time. Staff filed the recommendation as HC in its entirety out of an abundance of caution since Staff did not know what parts of the memorandum would be considered as HC by Laclede and what would not. Therefore, Staff requested that Laclede review the memorandum and inform Staff via email what portions of the memorandum Laclede considered to be HC. Staff's pleading further stated that after receiving this information from Laclede, Staff would re-file the memorandum in both a Public and HC version so that as much of the recommendation as can be filed openly would be so filed.

3. Laclede has now informed Staff as to what portions of the Staff Recommendation Memorandum Laclede considers to be Highly Confidential, and Staff has prepared a Public (“NP”) version and an HC version of the Staff Recommendation Memorandum according to Laclede’s input. These versions of the Staff Recommendation Memorandum are attached hereto as **Appendix A**; although the spacing may have changed in the memorandum due to the redaction process, no substantive changes have been made to the Staff Recommendation Memorandum originally filed herein as HC in its entirety on December 13, 2013.

4. Staff would note that in its Recommendation filed on December 13, 2013, Staff requested that the Commission order Laclede to respond within 45 days to the comments / concerns / recommendations set forth in Staff’s Recommendation; however, to date no order has been issued.

WHEREFORE, Staff requests that the Commission (1) accept the attached Public and HC versions of the Staff ACA Recommendation originally filed herein on December 13, 2013, (2) order Laclede to respond to the comments / concerns / recommendations set forth in the attached by January 27, 2014 (forty-five days after the December 13, 2013 filing), (3) keep this case open as set forth on the last page of the attached under VI. B. 1., and (4) make such further orders as the Commission may deem necessary.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand-delivered, or transmitted by facsimile or electronic mail to all counsel of record this 13th day of January, 2014.

/s/ Jeffrey A. Keevil