

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

In the Matter of the Verified Application of)
Laclede Gas Company for an Order)
establishing Replacement Requirements)
for the Final Phase of its Unprotected)
Steel Main Replacement Program)
Previously Approved Pursuant to Rule 4)
CSR 240-40.030(15)(E))

Case No. GO-2003-0506

STATUS REPORT

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff) and for its Status Report respectfully states:

1. On March 5, 2004, the Commission issued its *REPORT AND ORDER* in the above-captioned case approving the application filed by Laclede Gas Company (Laclede) and modifying the replacement program as follows:

For unprotected steel mains that meet the criteria in Commission Rule 4 CSR 240 40.030(15)(E)3. through (15)(E)6., Laclede Gas Company shall replace such mains at an average annual rate of 10,000 feet until all remaining mains identified by this section have been replaced.

Further, the Staff of the Commission was directed to file annual status reports regarding progress with regards to the unprotected steel main replacement program. The Staff has filed eight previous annual reports to date and those reports have been accepted by the Commission.

2. On April 12, 2004, the Staff filed its first Status Report reporting that during Fiscal Year 2003, Laclede eliminated 10,532 feet of unprotected steel main that met the criteria of paragraphs 4 CSR 240-40.030(15)(E)3. through (15)(E)6.

3. On April 15, 2005, the Staff filed its second Status Report reporting that during Fiscal Year 2004, Laclede eliminated 10,300 feet of unprotected steel main that met the criteria of paragraphs 4 CSR 240-40.030(15)(E)3. through (15)(E)6.

4. On April 20, 2006, the Staff filed its third Status Report reporting that during Fiscal Year 2005, Laclede eliminated 10,370 feet of unprotected steel main that met the criteria of paragraphs 4 CSR 240-40.030(15)(E)3. through (15)(E)6.

5. On May 1, 2007, the Staff filed its fourth Status Report reporting that during Fiscal Year 2006, Laclede eliminated 9,675 feet of unprotected steel main that met the criteria of paragraphs 4 CSR 240-40.030(15)(E)3. through (15)(E)6.

6. On April 30, 2008, the Staff filed its fifth Status Report reporting that during Fiscal Year 2007, Laclede eliminated 10,375 feet of unprotected steel main that met the criteria of paragraphs 4 CSR 240-40.030(15)(E)3. through (15)(E)6.

7. On May 4, 2009, the Staff filed its sixth Status Report reporting that during Fiscal Year 2008, Laclede eliminated 10,503 feet of unprotected steel main that met the criteria of paragraphs 4 CSR 240-40.030(15)(E)3. through (15)(E)6.

8. On April 22, 2010, the Staff filed its seventh Status Report reporting that during Fiscal Year 2009, Laclede eliminated 9,960 feet of unprotected steel main that met the criteria of paragraphs 4 CSR 240-40.030(15)(E)3. through (15)(E)6.

9. On April 20, 2011, the Staff filed its eighth Status Report reporting that during Fiscal Year 2010, Laclede eliminated 11,060 feet of unprotected steel main that met the criteria of paragraphs 4 CSR 240-40.030(15)(E)3. through (15)(E)6.

10. On May 4, 2011, the Commission issued its *ORDER REGARDING STATUS REPORT AND DIRECTING FILING* directing the Staff to file its next annual Status Report by May 4, 2012.

11. During Fiscal Year 2011, Laclede eliminated 12,105 feet of unprotected steel main that met the criteria of paragraphs 4 CSR 240-40.030(15)(E)3. through (15)(E)6. This results in an annual average rate of 10,542 feet for Fiscal Years 2003 through 2011, which exceeds the required annual average rate of 10,000 feet. Laclede also notified Staff that 28,514 feet of unprotected steel main remained at the end of Fiscal Year 2011.

WHEREFORE, the Staff submits its Status Report to the Commission as directed by the Commission Order of May 4, 2011.

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 25th day of April 2012.

/s/ Robert S. Berlin

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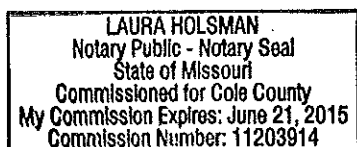
VERIFICATION

STATE OF MISSOURI)
) ss
COUNTY OF COLE)

John D. Kottwitz, Utility Engineering Specialist III and of lawful age, on oath states: that he participated in the preparation of the foregoing Staff *Status Report* that is being filed in the above case; that information in the Staff *Status Report* was provided to him by Laclede Gas Company; that he has knowledge of the matters set forth in such pleading; and that such matters are true and correct to the best of his knowledge and belief.

John D. Kottwitz
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Subscribed and sworn to before me this 25th day of April, 2012.



Willie Holmesman
Notary Public