

**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 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.

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 28, 2004, the Commission issued its *Order Directing Filing (Order)* directing Staff to file its next annual report by May 5, 2005.

4. Consistent with the Commission's *Order*, the Staff reports 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. This represents an annual average rate of 10,416 feet for Fiscal Years 2003 and 2004, which exceeds the required annual average rate of 10,000 feet. Laclede also notified Staff that 102,562 feet of unprotected steel main remained at the end of Fiscal Year 2004.

Wherefore, the Staff submits its Status Report to the Commission as directed by the Commission *Order* of April 28, 2004.

Respectfully submitted,

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