

**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

STAFF 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 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 April 27, 2006, the Commission issued its ORDER REGARDING STATUS REPORT AND DIRECTING FILING directing Staff to file its next annual report by May 4, 2007.

6. 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. This results in an annual average replacement rate of 10,219 feet for Fiscal Years 2003, 2004, 2005, and 2006, which exceeds the required annual average rate of 10,000 feet. Laclede also notified Staff that 82,517 feet of unprotected steel main remained at the end of Fiscal Year 2006.

Wherefore, the Staff submits its Status Report to the Commission as directed by the Commission Order of April 27, 2006.

Respectfully submitted,

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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 1st day of May 2007.

/s/ Robert S. Berlin_____

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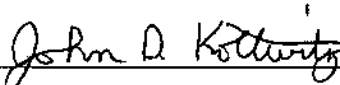
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VERIFICATION

**STATE OF MISSOURI)
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COUNTY OF COLE)**

I, John D. Kottwitz, Utility Engineering Specialist III in the Commission's Energy – Safety/Engineering Department, of lawful age, on oath state: that I participated in the preparation of the Staff Status Report that is being filed in the above case on May 1, 2007, that information in the Staff Status Report was given to me by Laclede Gas Company; that I have true knowledge of the matters set forth in such pleading; and that such matters are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

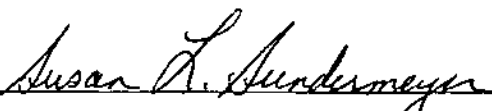


John D. Kottwitz

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 1st day of May, 2007.



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