

**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

Dissenting Opinion of Commissioner Steve Gaw

In its Order Regarding Status Report and Directing Filing, the majority continues to recognize a reduced annual requirement for the replacement of Laclede's unprotected steel mains. I continue to be concerned regarding the Commission's decision to reduce the scheduled replacements from 20,000 feet per year to the current level of 10,000 feet per year.

In its latest Status Report, the Staff notes that there remains approximately 102,562 feet of unprotected steel mains in Laclede's local gas distribution system. Given the current replacement schedule, I am concerned that it will take over 10 years for these unprotected mains to be replaced. As such, I must dissent.

Respectfully submitted,


Steve Gaw
Commissioner

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 18th day of May, 2005.