

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

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| In the Matter of Laclede Gas Company |) | |
| Concerning a Natural Gas Incident at |) | |
| 7527 Michigan Street, St. Louis, |) | Case No. GS-2009-0270 |
| Missouri. |) | |

INTERIM STATUS REPORT

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff), by and through counsel, and for its *Interim Status Report* respectfully states as follows:

1. On January 20, 2009, Staff requested the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission) to *Establish A Case For Investigation of Gas Safety Incident* involving an incident that occurred on December 30, 2008 at 7527 Michigan Street, St. Louis, Missouri and for receiving the response of Laclede Gas Company (Laclede or Company).

2. On January 27, 2009 the Commission granted Staff's request and established Case No. GS-2009-0270. The Commission also ordered Staff to file either its final incident report or an interim incident report no later than May 28, 2009.

3. The circumstances involved in the incident investigation are complex. Staff has asked for two rounds of data requests and the deadlines for the Company's responses were extended in both instances. In addition, an on-site visit to Laclede was required to obtain maps and other records that Staff requested pertaining to the natural gas facilities in the area of the incident and to interview Laclede operations personnel involved.

4. Staff has received all the information it requested and is finalizing the factual sections of the Incident Report so that it can be sent to those that provided information for

verification. At the same time, Staff is also preparing the Analysis, Conclusion, and Recommendations Sections of the Report.

5. Staff will file its final Incident Report on or before July 15, 2009.

WHEREFORE, Staff respectfully submits its *Interim Status Report*.

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 27th day of May, 2009.

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