

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

In the Matter of the Verified Application)
and Petition of Laclede Gas Company) **Case No. GO-2005-0351**
to Change its Infrastructure System)
Replacement Surcharge)

STAFF RECOMMENDATION CONCERNING TARIFF

COMES NOW the Staff and for its recommendation concerning the May 31, 2005 Laclede (Infrastructure Replacement Surcharge) ISRS tariff that Laclede filed with the Stipulation and Agreement in this case states:

1. On April 4, 2005, Laclede Gas Company (“Laclede” or “Company”) filed an application with the Missouri Public Service Commission requesting that the Commission authorize it to change its ISRS. Laclede also filed a proposed tariff sheet on the same date to effectuate the change in its ISRS.

2. On April 6, 2005, the Commission issued its Order Directing Notice and Setting Intervention Date in which it directed any party wishing to intervene in this matter to file an application to do so by April 26, 2005. No party sought to intervene.

3. As a result of discussions held subsequent to the Commission’s Order, the parties reached a Nonunanimous Stipulation and Agreement (Stipulation).

4. Laclede attached its tariff sheet that is intended to comply with the terms of the Stipulation to the Stipulation itself.

5. Staff’s recommendation is attached to this document. Staff recommends that the Stipulation may be approved and suggests that the Commission reject Tariff No. YG-2005-0859 and approve Tariff No. YG-2005-1073 as in compliance with the Stipulation.

WHEREFORE, for the foregoing reasons, the Staff recommends that the Stipulation in this case and the related tariff may be approved.

Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand-delivered, or transmitted by facsimile or electronic mail to all counsel of record this 8th day of June, 2005.

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