

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

Stanley Lewis,	)	
	)	
v.	)	Case No. GC-2007-0267
Laclede Gas Company,	)	
Respondent.	)	

**STATUS REPORT**

**COMES NOW** Laclede Gas Company (“Laclede” or “Company”) and submits this Status Report, stating as follows:

1. On May 3, 2007, Laclede filed a request to provide a status report on its investigation into Mr. Lewis’ gas usage, in lieu of setting a procedural schedule at this time. On May 14, 2007, the Commission issued an order approving Laclede’s request and requiring Laclede to submit a status report by June 14, 2007.

2. At the outset, below is Mr. Lewis’ past three years usage for the period ending in May.

12 MONTHS ENDED IN MAY:	GAS USAGE (IN CCF)
2005	1226
2006	1165
2007	994

3. As stated in Laclede’s Answer, these updated usage figures confirm that Mr. Lewis is making significant progress in conserving his gas usage. However, it

should be noted that his usage is still moderately above normal in both the winter and the summer.

4. On May 8, 2007, a Laclede service representative conducted a High Bill Investigation at Mr. Lewis' home. This investigation revealed some cost saving measures that Mr. Lewis could take advantage of, including two that are cost free. First, Mr. Lewis' thermostat was set at 78 degrees. While this setting is perfectly fine in May, Mr. Lewis indicated that he also maintained the same setting in the winter. Mr. Lewis may be able to obtain significant savings in the winter by lowering his thermostat. Second, Mr. Lewis' hot water heater is set to "Hot," which is the highest setting. This setting adds to winter usage, but may also be the source of Mr. Lewis' higher summer gas bills as well. Mr. Lewis could achieve savings by lowering his water heater setting a notch to a normal setting. Laclede has communicated to Mr. Lewis these potential cost saving measures.

5. Other measures revealed by Laclede's High Bill Inspection include the fact that Mr. Lewis' furnace appears to be about 15 years old. Laclede estimates that it operates at about 70% efficiency. A new furnace would operate at a minimum of 80% efficiency, so Mr. Lewis could achieve cost savings through replacing his furnace, but at a substantial cost. Laclede recommended that Mr. Lewis have his furnace regularly maintained. Laclede also noted that Mr. Lewis has single pane windows. On the positive side, it appears that Mr. Lewis changes his furnace filter appropriately, a common oversight by homeowners. His home and gas appliances also appeared to be in generally good condition.

6. Finally, Laclede replaced the meter at Mr. Lewis' home, and is in the process of testing it. Laclede will share the results of this test in the next status report.

7. In summary, although Mr. Lewis' gas bills tend to be higher than average, he has reduced his gas usage significantly over the past few years. He should be able to easily obtain more savings by lowering his thermostat in the winter and adjusting the setting on his water heater year round.

WHEREFORE, Laclede respectfully requests that the Commission accept this Status Report, pending further information on the abovementioned meter test.

Respectfully submitted,

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The undersigned certifies that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Status Report was served on the Complainant, the Commission Staff and the Office of Public Counsel on this 14th day of June, 2007 by United States mail, hand-delivery, email, or facsimile.

**/s/ Gerry Lynch**