

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

In the Matter of the Application of Laclede)
Gas Company for an Accounting Authority Order)
Authorizing the Company to Defer for Future Recovery) Case No. GU-2007-0138
the Costs of Complying With the Permanent)
Amendment to the Commission’s Cold Weather Rule)

**LACLEDE GAS COMPANY’S COMMENT TO
DISCUSSION AT AGENDA MEETING
REGARDING A TRACKING MECHANISM**

COMES NOW Laclede Gas Company ("Laclede" or "Company") and files this comment to the discussion at today’s Commission Agenda Meeting regarding a tracking mechanism, stating as follows:

1. On April 16, 2008, the Commission discussed a proposed order in the referenced case at its agenda meeting. During that discussion, Chairman Davis raised the issue of whether it would be appropriate to track the customer account balances listed in Exhibit 3HC so as to address Public Counsel’s concern regarding a potential over-recovery of the Company’s compliance costs.

2. For the reasons stated in our brief, Laclede questions the need for and propriety of such a tracking mechanism. Nevertheless, in the event the Commission does decide that such a mechanism is appropriate, fairness and equity dictate that the mechanism should track both increases and decreases in customer balances from the September 30, 2007 amounts approved in this case.

3. Laclede would note that this matter was covered at the hearing in this case, wherein Public Counsel acknowledged that a two-way tracking mechanism would “go a long way toward solving our concerns...” (*See* Tr. 154, l. 12 to 155, l. 11).

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that the foregoing pleading has been duly served on the General Counsel of the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission and on the Office of the Public Counsel on this 16th day of April, 2008, by hand-delivery, facsimile, electronic mail, or by placing a copy of such Request, postage prepaid, in the United States mail.

/s/ Gerry Lynch

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