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

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In the Matter of Laclede Gas Company's Tariff to Increase its Annual Revenues for Natural Natural Gas Service

<u>File No. GR-2010-0171</u> Tariff No. YG-2010-0376

## LACLEDE GAS COMPANY'S NOTICE OF AGREEMENT TO MODIFY CUSTOMER NOTICE

**COMES NOW** Laclede Gas Company ("Laclede" or "Company") and files this Notice of Agreement to Modify Customer Notice and, in support thereof, states as follows:

1. On behalf of the parties to this case, Laclede filed a Proposed Procedural Schedule on January 21, 2010. This filing contained language for the customer notice that had been drafted by Public Counsel and agreed to by the parties.

2. On February 4, 2010, Public Counsel filed a motion seeking to revise the customer notice. Subsequently, Laclede, Public Counsel and Staff discussed the matter, and as a result of these discussions, the parties have reached an agreement on a revised customer notice, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit 1.

WHEREFORE, Laclede respectfully requests that the Commission approve the customer notice set forth on Exhibit 1.

Respectfully Submitted,

## /s/ Rick Zucker

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## **Certificate of Service**

The undersigned certifies that a true and correct copy of the foregoing pleading was served on all parties of record on this 16th day of February 2010 by United States mail, hand-delivery, email, or facsimile.

/s/ Rick Zucker

#### NOTICE OF LOCAL PUBLIC HEARINGS REGARDING PROPOSED RATE INCREASE

In December 2009, Laclede Gas Company asked the Missouri Public Service Commission (PSC) to approve an increase in its natural gas service rates of approximately \$60.7 million, of which approximately \$8.1 million is already being recovered in rates through Laclede's Infrastructure System Replacement Surcharge (ISRS), resulting in a net increase of \$52.6 million. For the average residential customer the proposed increase would be approximately \$5.59 per month. Laclede also proposes to implement a Customer Usage Adjustment (CUA) that would apply a credit or surcharge to residential and commercial customers' bills when customer usage is higher or lower than the usage levels used to establish rates. The impact of the CUA for residential customers is expected to be no more than ½ of 1% of a customer's total bill.

The PSC will conduct an investigation and hold hearings to determine if the proposed rates are just and reasonable. The PSC has the authority to approve rates that are lower than Laclede's request depending on the results of its investigation and hearing.

The PSC will hold public hearings in which customers will have an opportunity to present comments to the PSC commissioners about the rate increase request. Public comment hearings have been set before the PSC as follows:

## – LOCATIONS, DATES AND TIMES LISTED

# \*A question-and-answer session will be held one-half hour before the beginning of each hearing.

If you are unable to attend a live public hearing and wish to make written comments or secure additional information, you may contact the Office of the Public Counsel, P.O. Box 2230, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102, telephone (573) 751-4857, email opcservice@ded.mo.gov or the Missouri Public Service Commission, Post Office Box 360 Jefferson City, Missouri 65102, telephone 800-392-4211,email pscinfo@psc.mo.gov.

Comments may also be registered in the case using the Commission's electronic filing system at <u>https://www.efis.psc.mo.gov/mpsc/Comments.html</u>. If submitting comments electronically, please reference Case Number GR-2010-0171.

The Commission will also conduct an evidentiary hearing at its offices in Jefferson City from August 2-6 and from August 9-13, 2010, beginning at 8:30 a.m. The hearings and local public hearings will be held in buildings that meet accessibility standards required by the Americans with Disabilities Act. If a customer needs additional accommodations to participate in these hearings, please call the Public Service Commission's Hotline at 1-800-392-4211 (voice) or Relay Missouri at 711 before the hearing.