

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

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

**LACLEDE GAS COMPANY’S REQUEST TO PROVIDE STATUS REPORTS**

**COMES NOW** Laclede Gas Company (“Laclede” or “Company”) and files this Request to Provide Status Reports, and in support thereof states as follows:

1. January 17, 2007 the Commission issued its Notice of Mr. Lewis’ complaint against Laclede Gas Company in this case. In the complaint, Mr. Lewis states that he has been overcharged for gas service.

2. On February 20, 2007, Laclede filed its answer to the complaint, in which Laclede stated that Mr. Lewis’ gas usage is somewhat higher than average for the size of his home, but such usage has been trending downward over the past few years. Laclede has received regular meter readings and sees no obvious evidence that Mr. Lewis is being overcharged.

3. Nevertheless, in subsequent correspondence, it appears that Mr. Lewis remains unconvinced that his billings are correct. Laclede seeks to work with Mr. Lewis to determine whether Mr. Lewis has in fact been overcharged or, if he has not been overcharged, why his usage is higher than normal. Accordingly, Laclede has contacted Mr. Lewis and obtained his agreement for Laclede to remove and test the gas meter at Mr. Lewis’ home, and to conduct a high-bill investigation in an attempt to find the source

of his higher-than-normal usage. Laclede requests that it be permitted to file a status report in the next month on the progress and results of the usage investigation, in lieu of setting a procedural schedule at this time.

4. On May 1, 2007, a prehearing conference was held in this case. Laclede failed to attend the prehearing conference due to distractions caused by an illness in the family of Laclede's attorney. Laclede apologizes to the Commission and the parties for this oversight.

WHEREFORE, Laclede respectfully requests that the Commission order Laclede to file a status report on its gas usage investigation at Mr. Lewis' home on or before June 7, 2007.

Respectfully submitted,

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**Certificate of Service**

The undersigned certifies that a true and correct copy of the foregoing pleading was served on the Complainant, the General Counsel of the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission, and the Office of Public Counsel on this 3rd day of May, 2007 by United States mail, hand-delivery, email, or facsimile.

**/s/ Gerry Lynch**