

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

In the Matter of Laclede Gas Company's Verified	)	
Application for Authority to Issue and Sell	)	
First Mortgage Bonds, Unsecured Debt and	)	
Preferred Stock, in Connection with a Universal	)	Case No. GF-2009-0450
Shelf Registration Statement, to Issue Common	)	
Stock and Receive Capital Contributions, to Issue	)	
and Accept Private Placement Securities, and to	)	
Enter Into Capital Leases, all in a Total Amount	)	
Not to Exceed \$600 Million	)	

**LIST OF ISSUES, ORDER OF WITNESSES, ORDER OF CROSS-  
EXAMINATION, AND ORDER OF OPENING STATEMENTS**

COMES NOW Laclede Gas Company ("Laclede" or "Company"), the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Staff") and the Office of the Public Counsel ("OPC") and submit the following List of Issues, Order of Witnesses, Order of Cross-Examination, and Order of Opening Statements in the above captioned proceeding:

**List of Issues**

1. What conditions can and should the Commission place on Laclede's financing authority?
  - A. What amount of long-term debt should be authorized under the Commission's authority?
  - B. Should Laclede be allowed to issue preferred Stock within the debt limit or above the debt limit?
  - C. What information should be considered appropriate for purposes of determining a reasonable amount of financing authority?

2. Can and should the Company be required to file with the Commission any credit agency reports issued on the Company, on its debt issuances, or on the Laclede Group?

**Order of Witnesses**

**Laclede:** Lynn Rawlings, Mark Waltermire

**Staff:** Zephania Marevange

**Order of Cross-Examination**

**For Laclede Witnesses:** Staff, OPC

**For Staff Witnesses:** OPC, Laclede

**Order of Opening Statements**

Laclede, Staff, OPC

**WHEREFORE**, the parties respectfully request that the Commission issue its Order approving the List of Issues, Order of Witnesses, Order of Cross-Examination and Order of Opening.

Respectfully submitted,

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The undersigned certifies that a true and correct copy of the foregoing pleading was served on the parties to this case on this 25th day of March, 2010, by hand-delivery, e-mail, fax, or by United States mail, postage prepaid.

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