## 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 Gas Service

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

## MOTION TO CONTINUE LOW INCOME PROGRAM PENDING APPROVAL OF STIPULATION AND AGREEMENT

**COMES NOW** Laclede Gas Company ("Laclede" or "Company"), on behalf of the members of Laclede's Low-Income Program Review and Evaluation Team ("PRET"), and files this motion to continue the Company's Low-Income Energy Assistance Program (the "Program") pending Commission approval of a stipulation and agreement in the above referenced case. In support of this motion, Laclede states as follows:

1. Effective July 29, 2007, the Commission approved the Unanimous Stipulation and Agreement (the "Agreement") which resolved Laclede's 2006-07 rate case, Case No. GR-2007-0208. The Agreement provided for the adoption of the Program. Paragraph 19(a) of the Agreement provided that the Program would terminate no later than three years after Commission approval of the Agreement, which would occur on July 29,2010.

2. The Parties to this case have now reached an agreement in principle to resolve all issues in the case. This agreement includes a provision that the Program continue in its current form. However, the Program is set to expire before the Parties will be able to complete the process of drafting and executing the stipulation and obtaining Commission approval.

3. Therefore, Laclede requests the Commission issue an order continuing the Program pending Commission approval of the stipulation resolving this case, or until the Commission issues an order finally resolving the case.

4. On behalf of the PRET, Laclede regrets the short notice afforded by this motion and requests the Commission's indulgence in approving the motion so that assistance to low-income customers will not be temporarily interrupted.

WHEREFORE, for the foregoing reasons, Laclede Gas Company, on behalf of the PRET members, respectfully requests that the Commission issue an order continuing the Company's Low-Income Energy Assistance Program pending approval of the stipulation resolving this case, or until the Commission issues an order finally resolving the case.

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 parties to Case No. GR-2010-0171 on this 28th day of July, 2010, by hand-delivery, facsimile, email or United States mail, postage prepaid.

/s/ Gerry Lynch

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