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Dale Hardy Roberts  
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge  
Public Service Commission  
Governor's Office Building  
Madison & E. Capitol  
Jefferson City, MO 65101

RE: *In the Matter of the Tariff Filing of Laclede Gas Company to Implement a Gas Supply Incentive Plan Called Catch-Up-Keep-Up*, Case no. GT-2003-0117, Tariff No. JG-2003-396

Dear Judge Roberts:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced case are the original and 8 copies of the Direct Testimony of Rolandis Nash on behalf of the Missouri Department of Natural Resources Energy Center. Accompanying the testimony is the affidavit providing the witness's oath. We are also providing an exhibit copy for hearing purposes. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

JEREMIAH W. (JAY) NIXON  
Attorney General

Ronald Molteni  
Assistant Attorney General

Enclosures

cc: Judge Ruth  
All Parties on the Service List

Exhibit No.:  
Issues: Commitment to Provide No-Cost  
Weatherization Assistance to Laclede  
Gas Company Low-Income Residential  
Customers as a Component of a  
Proposed Gas Supply Incentive Plan  
Witness: Rolandis Nash  
Sponsoring Party: Department of Natural Resources, Missouri  
Energy Center  
Type of Exhibit: Testimony  
Case No.: GT-2003-0117  
Date Prepared: November 19, 2002

LACLEDE GAS COMPANY

DIRECT TESTIMONY

OF

ROLANDIS NASH

URBAN LEAGUE OF METROPOLITAN ST. LOUIS

ON BEHALF

OF

MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

ENERGY CENTER

November 19, 2002

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI  
TESTIMONY OF  
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URBAN LEAGUE OF METROPOLITAN ST. LOUIS  
CASE NO. GT-2003-0117**

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1 Q. Please state your name and address.

2 A. My name is Rolandis Nash. My business address is Urban League of Metropolitan St.

3 Louis, P.O. Box 8138, 3701 Grandel Square, St. Louis, Missouri 63156-8138.

4 Q. By whom and in what capacity are you employed?

5 A. I am employed by the Urban League of Metropolitan St. Louis (ULMSL) as Vice

6 President. One of my duties includes directing the Weatherization Assistance Program.

7 The ULMSL is a charitable, community service agency, governed by a board of directors

8 and providing services in the St. Louis metropolitan area and conducts programs and

9 provides services in Community Outreach, Cultural Enrichment, Education,

10 Employment, Economic Development, Head Start, Health, Housing, and Youth

11 Development.

12 Q. On whose behalf are you testifying?

13 A. I am testifying on behalf of the Missouri Department of Natural Resources, an intervenor

14 in these proceedings.

15 Q. Please describe your educational background and business experience.

16 A. I received a Bachelor of Science degree in psychology in 1979 from the University of

17 Missouri at St. Louis. I have worked for the ULMSL since January 1992 in various positions

18 including an Employment Specialist, Loan Officer, Director of Community

19 Organization/Community Organization Specialist and Director of Housing/Director of

20 Neighborhood Assistance Program. I have served as Vice President since October 1998.

21 Q. What is the purpose of your testimony?

1 A. The purpose of my testimony is to provide comments on what an effective low-income  
2 energy program should look like.

3 Q. What should be included in an effective low-income energy program?

4 A. Home heating is a basic necessity. In many cases, people with low incomes are not able  
5 to continue to pay their utility bill and other basic needs such as food, medication or  
6 housing. Many low-income people live in older homes or rental units that may not have  
7 insulation or efficient heating systems. Weatherization is a long-term response to these  
8 problems. Utility bills can be reduced if a home is made more efficient, thereby reducing  
9 the energy that is wasted while improving comfort. A home that has been weatherized  
10 can reduce average annual space heating for natural gas by 33.4 percent, making it a cost-  
11 effective means to help low-income families with their energy bills. Lasting energy-  
12 efficient improvements are installed in the home, resulting in lower utility bills year after  
13 year. This reduces the amount of assistance needed to pay higher utility bills in low-  
14 income households and provides a long-term solution to the problem. (Source:  
15 Metevaluation of National Weatherization Assistance Program Based on State Studies,  
16 1996-1998, Oak Ridge National Laboratory, May 1999)

17 Q. Is there a need for additional weatherization funding?

18 A. Yes. According to the 2000 Census, in the City of St. Louis alone there are 83,388  
19 households that are eligible for weatherization assistance (at 150 percent of poverty).  
20 The ULMSL is able to weatherize approximately 300 homes each year using all federal,  
21 state and local funding that is available to us. At this rate, it would take the ULMSL 278

1        years to weatherize these 83,388 eligible households in the City of St. Louis. There  
2        continues to be a great need for additional funding for weatherization.

3        Q. Does this conclude your testimony?

4        A. Yes.

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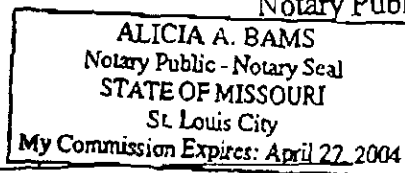
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Rolandis Nash, Weatherization Director, Urban League of Metropolitan St. Louis,  
being duly sworn on his oath hereby verifies that the above facts are true and correct to  
the best of his knowledge, information and belief.

Rolandis D Nash  
Rolandis Nash

Subscribed and sworn before me this 14<sup>th</sup> day of November 2002.

Alicia A. Bams  
Notary Public



My commission expires: \_\_\_\_\_

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

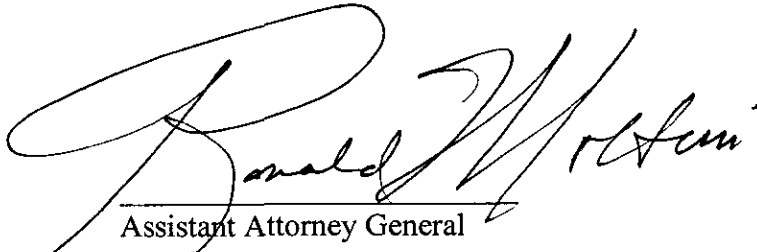
I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was mailed, postage prepaid,  
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