

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

In the Matter of Sheila Bruton,)	
)	
Complainant,)	
)	
v.)	Case No. GC-2006-0502
)	
Laclede Gas Company,)	
)	
Respondent.)	

STAFF REPORT

COMES NOW the Staff and in response to the Commission's July 28, 2006 Order Directing Staff to Investigate and File a Report states:

1. On June 26, 2006, Ms. Sheila Bruton filed a complaint against Laclede Gas Company alleging generally that she had been overcharged as a result of Laclede's estimated billing practices.
2. On July 27, Laclede filed its answer indicating its belief that it had complied with the requirement that it bill Ms. Bruton for no more than a twelve (12) month period.
3. On July 28, 2006, the Commission issued its Order directing staff to investigate and file its report.
4. Staff's report is attached. In compliance with Rule 4 CSR 240-2.070(10), the investigative report "shall not be made public." Staff is filing its entire Report as Highly Confidential.

WHEREFORE the Staff submits its report to the Commission as ordered.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand-delivered, transmitted by facsimile or emailed to all counsel of record this 24th day of August, 2006.

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