

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

In the Matter of Laclede Gas Company's
Tariff to Revise Natural Gas Rate) Case No. GR-2005-0284
Schedules.)
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**NOTICE OF COMPLIANCE WITH ORDER
SETTING LOCAL PUBLIC HEARINGS**

COMES NOW Laclede Gas Company ("Laclede" or "Company"), and files this Notice outlining its compliance with the Commission's Order Setting Local Public Hearings in this case, and in support thereof, states as follows:

1. On August 3, 2005, the Commission issued in this case an Order Setting Local Public Hearings and Suspending Procedural Schedule (the "Order"). In the Order, the Commission (i) scheduled two local public hearings in this case for Wednesday, August 24, 2005; (ii) required Laclede to publicize the hearings through advertisements and public service announcements as set forth in paragraphs 3 and 5 of the Order; and (iii) directed Laclede to file a pleading by August 23, 2005, outlining how it has complied with the notice requirements of the Order. This Notice outlines the Company's compliance with the notice requirements of the Order.

2. Laclede placed the following notices using the language provided in paragraph 5 of the Order:

- (a) a one-eighth page advertisement in the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* editions of Tuesday, August 16, and Sunday, August 21;
- (b) a one-eighth page advertisement in the *St. Louis American* editions of Thursday, August 11, and Thursday, August 18;

- (c) a one-eighth page advertisement in (i) the Wednesday, August 17 editions of the *North (St. Louis) County Journal*, the *Northwest (St. Louis) County Journal*, and the *South (St. Louis) City Journal*, and (ii) the Sunday, August 21 edition of all 27 Suburban Journals; and
- (d) a public service announcement on the following radio stations: (i) the KMOX morning talk show between 6:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon on Thursday, August 18 and on Sunday, August 21, and (ii) the KTRS Morning Drive Time with Bill Wilkerson between 6:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, August 17 and Monday, August 22.

3. In addition to the advertisements and public service announcements set forth above, the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* published an article about the referenced case on the front page (Page A-1) of the Friday August 19 edition of the newspaper. The article continued onto page A-8, where comprehensive information was provided on the two public hearings scheduled for August 24.

4. Finally, Laclede also presented the notice language set forth in paragraph 5 of the Order in the Customer Service section of its website.

WHEREFORE, Laclede respectfully requests that the Commission accept this Notice of Compliance with Order Setting Local Public Hearings.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing document was delivered by first class mail, facsimile, hand delivery, or electronic transmission, on this 23rd day of August, 2005, to counsel for all parties of record in the captioned-proceeding.

/s/ Rick Zucker