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COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission, and for its Post-Hearing Brief, states to the Missouri Public Service Commission as follows:

This case involves a complaint filed by Teresita H. Fujii (Complainant or Ms. Fujii) against Laclede Gas Company (Laclede), alleging that Laclede over-billed for gas usage at 6363 Waterman Avenue, University City, Missouri. The period during which the alleged over-billing occurred was from November of 2006 to March of 2007. The Commission held a hearing in this matter on January 14, 2008, complete with live testimony from several witnesses, including: Ms. Fujii, Marilyn Doerhoff for Staff, Fred Maly for Laclede, and Ted Reinhart for Laclede. None of the testimony offered in the hearing persuaded Staff to deviate from its initial Report filed in this matter on October 31, 2007.

When preparing its initial report, Staff reviewed Ms. Fujii's billing and payment history with Laclede, Laclede's High Bill Inspection work order of January 3, 2007, and the three usage comparisons which Laclede provided to the Staff and to Ms. Fujii. Staff did not find any tariff or rule violations committed by Laclede Gas, nor any other

evidence which would suggest that Ms. Fujii was over-billed for gas usage. Likewise, no testimony offered by any party at the January 14, 2008 hearing provides any basis for a finding that Ms. Fujii was over-billed by Laclede, or that Laclede committed any tariff or rule violations.

WHEREFORE, the Staff requests that the Commission find that Laclede Gas Company did not violate any Commission rules or filed tariffs for the billings rendered to Ms. Fujii, and find that Laclede did not over-bill Ms. Fujii for the gas usage at 6363 Waterman Avenue, University City, Missouri.

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<u>/s/ Blane Baker</u>

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