

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

USW Local 11-6)	
)	
	Complainant,)
v.)	Case No. GC-2006-0060
)	
Laclede Gas Company,)	
	Respondent.)

POST-HEARING EXHIBIT OF LACLEDE GAS COMPANY

COMES NOW Laclede Gas Company (“Laclede” or “Company”) and, pursuant to the Commission’s order issued at the hearing in this matter on May 23, 2006, hereby submits this Post-Hearing Exhibit, designated as Exhibit 24 in the record of evidence in this case.

The alleged resolutions of certain political subdivisions submitted by Union witness Schulte in Exhibits 4-6 were admitted into evidence for the sole and limited purpose of indicating that such political subdivisions have expressed concern for gas safety. Because such resolutions were predicated on false and misleading statements, and because, in tone and substance, they go well beyond the limited purpose for which they are admitted, Laclede continues to object to this evidence and maintains that such resolutions have absolutely no probative value in this case, which in any event is far outweighed by the prejudice of the statements contained therein.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, Exhibit 24, an affidavit of Thomas A. Reitz, who has already submitted testimony in this case, is attached hereto.

WHEREFORE, Laclede respectfully requests that the Commission accept and admit Exhibit 24 into the record in this case.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Rick Zucker

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Certificate of Service

The undersigned certifies that a true and correct copy of the foregoing pleading was served on the Complainant, the General Counsel of the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission, and the Office of Public Counsel on this 31st day of May, 2006 by United States mail, hand-delivery, email, or facsimile.

/s/ Rick Zucker

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A F F I D A V I T

STATE OF MISSOURI)
) SS.
CITY OF ST. LOUIS)

Thomas A. Reitz, of lawful age, being first duly sworn, deposes and states:

1. My name is Thomas A. Reitz. I am the same Thomas A. Reitz who previously filed direct testimony in this case on behalf of Laclede Gas Company on May 5, 2006, and who testified at the hearing in this case on May 23, 2006.

2. Exhibits 4-6 contain consist of affidavits filed by Joseph Schulte on behalf of Complainant USW 11-6 in this case. These Exhibits include resolutions allegedly passed by certain political subdivisions in the state of Missouri.

3. Regarding each resolution that Mr. Schulte alleges were passed in the following political subdivisions, to the best of my knowledge and belief, Laclede did not receive a copy of the proposed resolution prior to its passage, did not receive notice that a resolution was under consideration by the political subdivision, did not receive an invitation to attend council meetings in which the proposed resolution would be considered, did not have actual knowledge that a resolution was under consideration, and did not participate in any council meetings in which the proposed resolution was discussed or passed:

City of St. Louis
St. Louis County
Jefferson County
City of O'Fallon
City of Florissant
City of St. John
City of Ballwin

4. Regarding the resolution passed in the City of St. Peters, Laclede was invited to the council meeting where the resolution was discussed, and Laclede also

attended the meeting where the resolution was passed. In the discussion of the resolution, Laclede and the Union were each permitted three minutes to present their side of the issue, with two minutes for rebuttal. The Mayor operated a light signal to enforce the time limits. I spoke for Laclede during the two-minute rebuttal. I recommended, among other things, that the Council seek information on gas safety from the Commission Staff's Safety Engineering Department, and I attempted to provide the Council with the telephone number for Mr. Leonberger of that Department. After reciting the area code and prefix (573-751), my time expired and the Mayor promptly cut me off without allowing me to complete Mr. Leonberger's telephone number. In discussions on the resolution, the Mayor proclaimed that 50 employees of Laclede Gas Company lived in the City of St. Peters, and that he would recommend that the resolution be approved in order to preserve those jobs for St. Peters citizens.

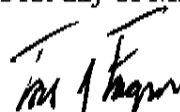
5. Regarding the resolution passed in St. Charles County, Laclede was contacted by County personnel on or about the day of the council meeting in which the resolution was considered, and attended the meeting that night. I was not present at that meeting.

6. At no time did Laclede receive from the Union a copy of the proposed resolution that it was providing to political subdivisions, notice of which political subdivisions had received a proposed resolution, or notice of any meetings to be held by the political subdivisions to consider the resolution.

I hereby swear and affirm that the foregoing statements are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.


Thomas A. Reitz

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 31st day of May, 2006.


Notary Public, State of Missouri

