

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

In the Matter of the Abandonment by Laclede)	
Gas Company, on behalf of its Missouri Natural)	
Gas Company Division, of General L.P. Gas)	
Service to Customers in the Spanish Manor, Crest)	Case No. GO-2009-0029
Manor, and White Oak Estates Mobile Home Parks)	
in Jefferson County, Missouri)	

**LACLEDE GAS COMPANY’S RESPONSE TO
STAFF’S RECOMMENDATION**

COMES NOW Laclede Gas Company (“Laclede” or “Company”) and submits this Response to the Recommendation filed on September 17, 2008 by the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Staff”). In support of its Response, Laclede states as follows:

1. On July 18, 2008, Laclede filed an application to abandon L.P. Gas Service to customers in the Spanish Manor, Crest Manor, and White Oak Estates Mobile Home Parks in Jefferson County, Missouri (“Application”). In its Recommendation, Staff recommends that the Commission grant Laclede’s Application, subject only to the condition that the Company recognize the amount of \$6,000 as the net salvage value for certain propane storage tanks booked to the Company’s plant-in-service.

2. Laclede does not necessarily agree that it is appropriate to recognize a net salvage value associated with the storage tanks. Due to a lack of materiality, however, Laclede does not object under the limited facts of this case to Staff’s recommended condition for granting the Company’s Application.

3. As the winter heating season is approaching, Laclede respectfully requests that the Commission approve the Company’s Application in this case as soon as reasonably practicable, subject to Staff’s recommended condition.

WHEREFORE, Laclede Gas Company respectfully requests that the Commission issue its order as soon as reasonably practicable granting Laclede's Application to Abandon the provision of General L.P. Gas Service to customers in the Spanish Manor, Crest Manor, and White Oak Estates Mobile Home Parks in Jefferson County, Missouri, upon the terms and conditions set forth in such Application, subject to Staff's recommended condition.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned certifies that a true and correct copy of the foregoing pleading was served on the General Counsel of the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission and the Office of the Public Counsel on this 18th day of September, 2008 by hand-delivery, fax, electronic mail or by placing a copy of such Application, postage prepaid, in the United States mail.

/s/ Gerry Lynch

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