

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

In the Matter of Laclede Gas Company            )  
Concerning a Natural Gas Incident at            )       Case No. GS-2007-0130  
Premio Drive in Fenton, Missouri                )

**RESPONSE OF LACLEDE GAS COMPANY**  
**TO ORDER DIRECTING FILING**

**COMES NOW** Laclede Gas Company (hereinafter “Laclede” or “Company”) and submits this Response to the Order Directing Filing issued in this case on July 12, 2007. In support thereof, Laclede states as follows:

1.       On July 12, 2007, the Commission issued an Order Directing Filing in this case in which it directed Laclede to file a pleading setting out all incidents wherein ADB Utility Contractors (ADB”) caused damage to a natural gas service line.

2.       Based on the information contained in its damage database, which covers a time period from July 2000 to the present, Laclede responds that there are 75 instances over the past seven years in which ADB has damaged Laclede’s facilities. This includes 23 instances in which ADB damaged a Laclede main facility and 52 instances where it damaged a Laclede service line. Laclede would note that the 75 instances cited above represent less than one percent of all instances where Laclede’s facilities have been damaged by third parties over the same time period.

3.       WHEREFORE, for the foregoing reasons, Laclede requests that the Commission accept this Response to its Order Directing Filing.

Respectfully submitted,

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand-delivered, or transmitted by facsimile or electronic mail to all counsel of record this 25th day of July 2007.

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