

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

Paper, Allied-Industrial, Chemical, and	)	
Energy Workers Local No. 5-6,	)	
	)	
Complainant,	)	
	)	
v.	)	<u>Case No. GC-2006-0060</u>
	)	
Laclede Gas Company,	)	
	)	
Respondent.	)	

**SUPPLEMENTAL AFFIDAVIT OF JOSEPH SCHULTE**

STATE OF MISSOURI     )  
                                  ) ss  
COUNTY OF ST. LOUIS    )

Joseph Schulte, of lawful age and being first duly sworn, deposes and states:

1. I am the same Joseph Schulte who executed an affidavit in support of United Steelworkers of America Local Union 11-6's Motion for Immediate Relief Pursuant to R.S. MO. §386.310.1 on February 8, 2006.

2. In further support of Local 11-6's motion, I am attaching hereto as Exhibit 10 a true and accurate copy of a resolution from St. Charles County expressing the County's concern for customer and public safety if Laclede Gas Company is relieved of its historical commitment to annual meter reads and turn off/turn on inspections, among other things.

3. I am also attaching hereto as Exhibit 11 a true and accurate copy of a resolution from the City of St. Peters expressing the City's concern for consumer and

public safety if Laclede Gas Company is relieved of its historical commitment to annual meter reads and turn off/turn on inspections, among other things.

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

Joseph Schulte  
Joseph Schulte

Subscribed and sworn to me this 27 day of February, 2006.

My Commission Expires:

Hannah M. Merritt  
Notary Public



Sponsored by: Bob Schnur, Joe Brazil, Doug Funderburk and Joseph McCulloch

A RESOLUTION URGING THE MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION TO REJECT THE REQUEST BY LACLEDE GAS COMPANY FOR RELIEF FROM ITS OBLIGATIONS TO MISSOURI CONSUMERS

WHEREAS, Laclede Gas Company is the sole provider of natural gas service for both residential and commercial consumers within St Charles County, Missouri; and

WHEREAS, the men and women who are Laclede Gas Company's "meter readers" have been the Company's competent daily representatives in the field throughout the Company's history; and

WHEREAS, there have been various explosions within Laclede Gas Company's distribution system and throughout the St. Louis region which were caused by faulty natural gas facilities, including an explosion as recently as February 10, 2006 in Collinsville, Illinois; and

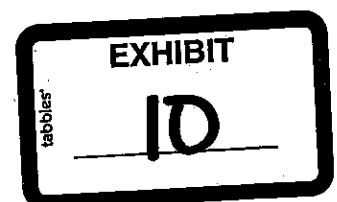
WHEREAS, Laclede Gas Company has traditionally focused on customer service, as demonstrated by its safety inspections, annual reads, testing of meters, etc; and

WHEREAS, Laclede Gas Company employees, especially "meter readers" have frequently detected potential dangerous appliances while making annual reads, testing of meters, etc.; and

WHEREAS, Laclede Gas Company has recently requested that the Missouri Public Service Commission relieve the Company of some of its obligations to conduct inspections, perform meter sampling, annual reads, testing of meters, etc.; and

WHEREAS, these proposed changes will harm consumers by reducing annual inspections, increasing the frequency of estimated reading, etc.; and

WHEREAS, these proposed changes will negatively affect the safety of consumers, their homes and businesses within St Charles County.



NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF ST CHARLES COUNTY, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1:

The St. Charles County Council opposes any regulatory change Laclede Gas Company has sought before the Missouri Public Service Commission which would result in the elimination or drastic reduction of personnel for annual inspections, meter sampling, annual reads, testing of meters and the County Council further urges the Missouri Public Service Commission to reject the request by Laclede Gas Company for relief from these obligation to Missouri consumers, especially the citizens of St. Charles County.

Section 2:

The County Registrar is hereby directed to forward a certified copy of this Resolution to the Missouri Public Service Commission.

February 13, 2006  
DATE PASSED

  
CHAIR OF THE COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. 1327

## A RESOLUTION THAT THE CITY OF ST. PETERS OPPOSES THE REGULATORY CHANGES THAT LACLEDE GAS HAS SOUGHT BEFORE THE MISSOURI PUBLIC COMMISSION

WHEREAS, Laclede Gas Company is the provider of natural gas for both residential and commercial consumers in City of St. Peters, and

WHEREAS, Laclede Gas Company has a monopoly on providing said natural gas service to consumers in City of St. Peters; and

WHEREAS, Laclede Gas Company has, in the past, been more focused on customer service, as demonstrated by its safety inspections, annual reads, testing of meters, etc.; and

WHEREAS, there have been various explosions within Laclede Gas Company's distribution system which were caused by faulty natural gas facilities; and

WHEREAS, Laclede Gas employees have frequently detected potentially dangerous gas appliances and gas lines while making safety inspections, annual reads, testing of meters, etc.; and

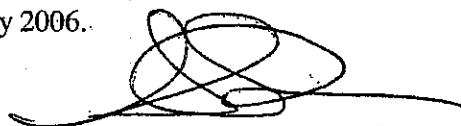
WHEREAS, Laclede Gas Company has recently requested that the Missouri Public Service Commission relieve Laclede Gas Company of some of its obligations to conduct inspections, perform meter sampling, annual reads, hot meter changes, etc.; and

WHEREAS, these proposed changes will harm consumers by reducing annual inspections, increasing the frequency of estimated readings, etc.; and


WHEREAS, these proposed changes will negatively affect the safety of consumers, their homes and businesses and the overall community of City of St. Peters.

NOW BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the City of St. Peters opposes the regulatory changes that Laclede Gas has sought before the Missouri Public Service Commission and urges the Missouri Public Service Commission to reject the request from Laclede Gas Company for relief from its obligations to Missouri consumers by sending a certified copy of this resolution to the Missouri Service Commission.

Read and adopted this 23rd day of February 2006.



Shawn C. Brown, Mayor



Rhonda Fleming Shaw, City Clerk

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