

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

Staff of the Public Service Commission)	
of the State of Missouri,)	
)	
Complainant,)	
)	
v.)	Case No. GC-2006-0318
)	
Laclede Gas Company,)	
)	
Respondent.)	
)	

**JOINT RECOMMENDATION REGARDING DISCONNECTION OF SERVICE
BASED ON UNAUTHORIZED CONSUMPTION OF NATURAL GAS
AT A MULTI-DWELLING UNIT RESIDENTIAL BUILDING**

COMES NOW Laclede Gas Company (“Laclede”), the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Staff”), and the Office of the Public Counsel (“Public Counsel”) and, pursuant to the Order Approving Stipulation and Agreement issued on December 21, 2006 in the referenced case, file this joint recommendation regarding the terms under which service may be disconnected where unauthorized consumption of natural gas is taking place at a multi-dwelling unit residential building (a “MURB”), stating as follows:

1. Pursuant to paragraph 2 of the section of the Stipulation and Agreement entitled “Locked Meter Showing Consumption Issues,” the undersigned parties have collaborated to develop terms under which service may be disconnected where unauthorized consumption of natural gas is taking place at a MURB.

2. The parties hereby recommend to the Commission that, where Laclede is unable to obtain access to a meter serving a unit where a previously locked meter is

showing consumption and gas service to that unit cannot be terminated without also terminating gas service to one or more other customers at a MURB who are not subject to termination, then Laclede should follow the disconnection procedures set forth in Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-13.050 and Sections 393.550-565 RSMo, as applicable, to address such situations.

3. Laclede shall take reasonable steps to gain access to the meter and shall document each attempt made. Laclede shall first try to gain access to the meter by sending a Laclede representative to the MURB. If Laclede's representative is unable to gain access after a reasonable attempt at the MURB, Laclede shall attempt to contact the landlord of the MURB by telephone and request access to the meter. If Laclede fails to gain access to the meter after reasonable attempts to contact the landlord, Laclede will follow the procedures outlined in Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-13.050 and Sections 393.550 through 393.565.

WHEREFORE, the undersigned parties respectfully request that the Commission accept the recommendation made herein.

Respectfully submitted,

**STAFF OF THE MISSOURI
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned certifies that a true and correct copy of the foregoing pleading was served on USW Local No. 11-6, on this 29th day of December, 2006 by United States mail, hand-delivery, email, or facsimile.

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