

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

In the Matter of Laclede Gas	)	
Company's Tariff to Revise Natural	)	<u>Case No. GR-2007-2008</u>
Gas Rate Schedules.	)	

**LACLEDE GAS COMPANY'S  
QUARTERLY STATUS REPORT  
ON ENERGY EFFICIENCY COLLABORATIVE**

COMES NOW Laclede Gas Company ("Laclede" or "Company"), and files the attached Quarterly Status Report on the efforts of the Energy Efficiency Collaborative ("EEC"), stating as follows:

1. On July 19, 2007, the Commission issued its Order Approving Unanimous Stipulation and Agreement and Authorizing Tariff Filing ("Order") in the above referenced case. The Order became effective on July 29, 2007. The Stipulation and Agreement ("Stipulation") approved by the Commission provided for the creation of the EEC to develop, implement and evaluate energy efficiency and conservation programs.
2. The EEC held its first meeting on September 5, 2007. Pursuant to paragraph 20(d) of the Stipulation, Laclede filed the EEC's first quarterly status report on September 17, 2007, which included a summary of that first meeting.
4. On December 17, 2007, Laclede filed the second quarterly status report describing the EEC's development and distribution of a Request for Proposals ("RFP").
5. During the current reporting period, the EEC received responses to the RFP and ultimately selected the Applied Energy Group, Inc. as a consultant to help develop energy efficiency programs.

6. On March 10, 2008, the EEC held its first workshop at Laclede's offices in Shrewsbury, Missouri. The twenty attendees represented a broad range of interests. The attached status report provides more detail on the workshop.

WHEREFORE, Laclede Gas Company respectfully files this quarterly status report of the EEC as directed by the Commission in the Order approving the Stipulation.

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 parties to the EEC on this 17th day of March 2008 by hand-delivery, electronic mail, facsimile or United States mail, postage prepaid.

**/s/ Gerry Lynch**

**ENERGY EFFICIENCY COLLABORATIVE**  
**LACLEDE GAS COMPANY'S QUARTERLY STATUS REPORT**

**REPORT NO. 3      March 17, 2008**

Following the first meeting of Laclede's Energy Efficiency Collaborative ("EEC") on Wednesday, September 5, 2007, members of the EEC developed a Request for Proposal ("RFP") with the goal of hiring a consultant to assist the EEC in developing a portfolio of energy efficiency and conservation programs. As reported to the Commission in Quarterly Status Report No. 2 on December 17, 2007, Laclede issued the RFP to selected bidders, with an original deadline of December 28, 2007 for submission of proposals. This deadline was subsequently extended to January 11, 2008. Proposals were required to be submitted electronically and four proposals were received, all prior to the deadline. All proposals were forwarded to EEC members for evaluation.

On January 18, 2008 the EEC held a conference call to discuss the members' initial thoughts on the four proposals and to make plans for evaluating them. On January 24, EEC members met by conference call again and eliminated one proposal from consideration. Following discussion of the members' differing impressions of the remaining three proposals, all three were selected for interviews during the week of January 28.

On January 30 and 31, 2008 the EEC held three conference call interviews with the lead consultants from each of the bidding companies. The interviews all followed a list of questions probing for the details of each consultants' qualifications and plan. These questions were provided to the consultants in advance. Following the final interview, EEC members continued the conference call to make a final evaluation. After a short discussion, the EEC selected Applied Energy Group, Inc. (AEG). The primary AEG personnel that will be assisting the EEC are Susan Nathan and Michael Marks.

The first planning workshop was held Monday, March 10, 2008 at Laclede's Shrewsbury service center in St. Louis County, Missouri. A public notice was placed on Laclede's website on March 4, 2008, with a promotional link on the home page. Twenty people attended the workshop, including four who were not affiliated with an EEC member. Comment forms were distributed, and the EEC received some public comments. All EEC charter members were represented, as were AmerenUE and USW Local 11-6.

The workshop began at 9:00 am and ended at 2:00 pm, with all agenda items completed. Based on the input AEG received at the workshop, and other input it receives prior to the next workshop, it will perform initial program screening and budgeting. The next workshop is scheduled for April 10, 2008 in St. Louis, Missouri, when the EEC will review and make adjustments to AEG's initial conservation and energy efficiency plan.