

STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the matter of)
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USW Local 11-6,) GC-2006-0390
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and)
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Laclede Gas Company)

AFFIDAVIT OF FRED BARAS

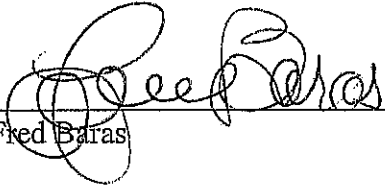
STATE OF MISSOURI)
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COUNTY OF ST. LOUIS)

Fred Baras, of lawful age and being first duly sworn, deposes and states:

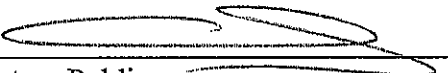
1. My name is Fred Baras. I am an adult and competent to testify. I reside at **
*, St. Louis, MO 63123. I have resided at this address for nine years.
2. I have been a Laclede customer for thirty years. I have a meter outside my house.
3. An AMR device was installed on my meter in the early summer of 2006. The installer was a young man wearing plain clothes. To my knowledge, he did not wear any badges or other visible identification.
4. On July 28, 2006, I smelled gas while bending down to pick up a sprinkler near the meter.
5. I called Laclede Gas, and a gasworker was sent out that day.
6. The gasworker said that the AMR device was improperly installed. However, I do not remember what exactly he said was wrong with it.

7. I am not an employee or member of USW Local 11-6, nor to my knowledge am I related by blood or marriage to any USW Local 11-6 officer or business representative.

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


Fred Baras

Subscribed and sworn to me this 28th day of August, 2006.


My Commission Expires: 11/30/2010 Notary Public

C Sullivan
Notary Public Notary Seal
State of Missouri County of St. Louis
My Commission Expires 01/30/2010
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