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RESOLUTION NO. 4869, 2005

Introduced by Councilman O'Mara

R E S O L U T I O N

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

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

WHEREAS, there have been various explosions in St. Louis County which were caused by faulty natural gas facilities; and

WHEREAS, Laclede Gas employees have frequently detected potentially dangerous gas appliances 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, 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 St. Louis County;

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The County Council urges the Missouri Public Service Commission to reject the request by Laclede Gas Company for relief from its obligations to Missouri consumers.

SECTION 2. The Administrative Director shall send a certified copy of this resolution to the Missouri Public Service Commission.

ADOPTED: October 4, 2005

ATTEST: James O. Jones

DEPUTY ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR

CHAIRMAN, COUNTY COUNCIL

EXHIBIT

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