

RESOLUTION 12-14-2005

WHEREAS: Laclede Gas Company is the provider of natural gas for both residential and commercial consumers in Jefferson County, and

WHEREAS: Laclede Gas Company has a monopoly on providing said natural gas service to consumers in Jefferson County, 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

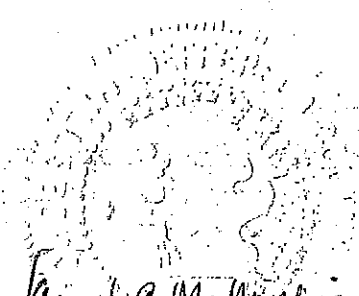
WHEREAS: Laclede Gas employees have frequently detected potentially dangerous gas appliances and gas lines while making safety inspections, annual reads, testing of meters. Etc., and

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 Jefferson County.

NOW BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, the Jefferson County Commission 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 Public Service Commission.


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