

CITY OF O'FALLON, MISSOURI

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 1-12-06

A RESOLUTION URGING THE MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION TO REJECT THE REQUEST BY THE LACLEDE GAS COMPANY FOR RELIEF FROM ITS OBLIGATIONS TO MISSOURI CONSUMERS

WHEREAS, Laclede Gas Company is the sole provider of natural gas service for both residential and commercial consumers within the City of O'Fallon, Missouri, and all of St. Charles County, Missouri; and

WHEREAS, Laclede Gas Company has a monopoly on providing said natural gas service to consumers within the City of O'Fallon, Missouri, and all of St. Charles County, Missouri; and

WHEREAS, there have been various explosions within the Laclede Gas Company's distribution system throughout the St. Louis region which were caused by faulty natural gas facilities; 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, Laclede Gas Company employees have frequently detected potential dangerous 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 the Company of some of its obligations to conduct inspections, perform meter sampling, annual reads, testing of meters, 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 within the City of O'Fallon, Missouri, and the overall community of St. Charles County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of O'Fallon, Missouri, as follows:

Section 1: The Board of Aldermen of the City of O'Fallon, Missouri opposes the regulatory changes the Laclede Gas Company has sought before the Missouri Public Service Commission and urges the Missouri Public Service Commission to reject the request by the Laclede Gas Company for relief from its obligation to Missouri consumers.

Section 2: The City Clerk shall send a certified copy of this Resolution to the Missouri Public Service Commission.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Board of Alderman of the City of O'Fallon on this 12 day of January 20 06.

Donna Morrow, Mayor

Attest: Pamela L. Smith, City Clerk

EXHIBIT 8

Approved as to: Mary Creamer, City Attorney

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