

4. Furthermore, the Program encourages disconnected customers to restore service for their primary heat source rather than resorting to more hazardous alternatives for home heating. Additional safety concerns are addressed because the Company provides a safety check upon reconnection, so faulty and potentially dangerous equipment can also be identified and referred to the Red Tag Program.

5. Customers participating in the Program will be encouraged to participate in budget billing and enter into payment arrangements to reduce arrears, potentially enhancing their ability to make timely payments. They will also be referred to other energy efficiency programs for which they may be eligible, reducing overall energy costs in the future for these customers.

6. Lastly, the Program improves the comfort and well-being of participating customers, especially those most vulnerable to temperature sensitivity due to age, disease, or medication.

WHEREFORE, for the foregoing reasons, DE respectfully files its *Notice of Support* and requests that the Motions of Laclede Gas Company be approved by the Commission.

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