

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

USW Local 11-6)	
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Complainant,)	
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v.)	
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Laclede Gas Company,)	Case No. GC-2006-0390
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)	
Respondent)	

STAFF'S OBJECTION TO PARTS OF USW LOCAL 11-6'S DIRECT TESTIMONY

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff) and respectfully submits as follows:

1. On September 26, 2006, USW Local 11-6 filed its Direct Testimony.
2. USW Local 11-6's Direct Testimony (filed so far subject to Supplemental Testimony on October 3, 2006) consists of the testimony of approximately 25 witnesses.
3. These include, but are not necessarily limited to, the affidavits of: Claire Donnelly (HC and NP entitled "Testimony of Claire Donnelly"); Affidavit of Fred Baras (HC and NP); George Waites (HC and NP entitled "Testimony of George Waites"); and Kathy Waites (HC and NP entitled "Testimony of Kathy Waites").
4. Staff objects to the use of these and any other Affidavits pursuant to Section 536.070(12) RSMo 2000.

WHEREFORE, Staff respectfully submits Staff's Objection to Parts of USW Local 11-6's Direct Testimony.

Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand-delivered, or transmitted by facsimile or electronic mail to all counsel of record this 29th day of September, 2006.

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