# BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION STATE OF MISSOURI

| Marlyn Young,        | )                              |
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| Complainant,         | )                              |
| V.                   | ) <u>Case No. GC-2007-0211</u> |
| Laclede Gas Company, | )                              |
| Respondent.          | )                              |

# **STAFF INVESTIGATION REPORT**

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission, by and through the Commission's General Counsel, and hereby submits Staff's Report of its investigation of the complaint brought herein by Complainant.

WHEREFORE, Staff moves the Commission to accept the attached Report.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Kevin A. Thompson
KEVIN A. THOMPSON
Missouri Bar Number 36288
General Counsel

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Attorney for Staff

# **Certificate of Service**

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was mailed, hand delivered, transmitted by facsimile or electronic mail to all counsel of record, as shown below on this 17<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2007.

/s/ Kevin A. Thompson

Marlyn Young P. O. Box 2487 Florissant, Missouri 63032

Laclede Gas Company 720 Olive Street, Room 1520 St. Louis, Missouri 63101 rzucker@lacledegas.com

Office of the Public Counsel 200 Madison Street, Suite 600 Jefferson City, Missouri 65102 opcservice@ded.mo.gov

# REPORT OF THE STAFF

TO: Missouri Public Service Commission Official Case File

Case No. GC-2007-0211, Marlyn Young vs. Laclede Gas

Company

FROM: /s/Staff Cecilia Barr, Consumer Services Specialist II

DATE: January 17, 2007

/s/ Gay Fred / 01/17/07 /s/ Kevin A. Thompson

Consumer Service Department/Date General Counsel's Office/Date

# **COMPLAINT**

On 12/06/06 Marlyn Young, (Complainant), filed a formal complaint with the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission) against Laclede Gas (Company), stating he was overcharged for gas services at his present address of 2437 Wieck Drive Drive, St. Louis, MO. 63136. The Complainant states that he responded on 10/06/06 to Staff's letter dated 4/19/06. Complainant states he has yet to receive a response to his 10/06/06 letter and as a result, his gas service was terminated on 10/17/06. Complainant also states that he is disputing the portion of his bill that was transferred from 8831 May Avenue, St. Louis, MO. Complainant also asked why he received estimated bills as the final bill. The complainant is requesting that \$1,000.00 be removed from his account. In the Complainant's formal complaint, Complainant is also requesting \$3,666.00 for temporary housing and food expenses due to being unable to occupy his home for over one month.

On 12/13/06 the Commission issued an order directing Staff to investigate and file a report by 1/17/07, following are the Staff's findings:

# **FINDINGS**

■ The Complainant filed an informal complaint with the Missouri Public Service Commission on 3/06/06 whereby the Complainant stated he was discharged an unpaid balance of \$579.00 in Federal bankruptcy but the Company was still trying to collect that debt. According to court documents, the bankruptcy was filed on 2/12/97 by Morlyne B. Young at 1250 Ferguson, who had service at this address from 11/16/92 to 1/06/99. Morlyne B. Young was discharged from paying the debt, which was removed by the company from the account at 1250 Ferguson. This information was communicated to the complainant in Staff's 4/19/06 letter (see Schedule 1).

■ The Complainant also stated in his 3/06/06 complaint that he sold property to Rosemary B. Jackson in late 2003; however, the Complainant did not provide the address of that property or provide documentation of the property sale to Ms. Jackson. The Complainant further stated that Ms. Jackson put service in her name but the Company removed Ms. Jackson's name from the account and placed the Complainant's name on the account. The Complainant stated he was living with his brother at 1612 Nenmich Drive, St Louis, MO at the time the bill was incurred; however, no documentation was provided by the Complainant to support this claim. The Complainant further stated he wanted to file a formal complaint.

The Complainant did not provide a contact telephone number with his informal complaint, therefore, his complaint was acknowledged by mail and he was advised the complaint had been sent to Laclede as an informal complaint. The acknowledgement letter briefly explained the formal complaint process (see Schedule 2).

In Staff's findings, Laclede stated that there was evidence of shared benefit of service <sup>1</sup> between the Complainant and Ms. Jackson at 9414 Eastchester from 9/14/98 to 2/22/03 and at 8831 May Avenue from 2/25/03 to 5/16/03 while services were in Ms. Jackson's name. However, a social security trace conducted by the Company also placed the Complainant at both premises when the debts occurred. Services were disconnected for non-payment at 8831 May Avenue on 4/15/04, with an account balance of \$701.66. The \$701.66 account balance was assumed and paid by Mr. Young in full on 11/15/04 in order to reestablish gas service on 11/16/04. The Company noted that when the Complainant made his payment on 11/15/04, he listed yet a different social security number than previously used, which the Company's Credit and Collection Department then noted the use of multiple social security numbers.

On 9/21/05 gas service at 8831 May Avenue was turned off at the Complainant's request, leaving an unpaid balance. On 7/8/05 the Complainant established service at 2437 Wieck Drive. On 12/19/05 the \$729.31 final bill from 8831 May Avenue was transferred to the Complainant's current account on 2437 Wieck Drive.

The Complainant was advised that the complaint would not be considered for further review without the Commission's receipt of the actual documentation disputing the Company's records (see Schedule 1).

■ On 10/16/06 the Complainant called Cecilia Barr, PSC Staff; stating that Laclede was at his residence to disconnect his gas service.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> 4 CSR 240-13.050, Discontinuance of Service, (2)(D): "None of the following shall constitute sufficient cause for a utility to discontinue service: The failure to pay the bill of another customer, unless the customer whose service is sought to be discontinued received substantial benefit and use of the service."

Staff contacted Laclede to check the Complainant's current account status. The Company noted that on 9/18/06 a bill was mailed with a disconnect date noted on the billing for anytime after 10/09/06 and a disconnect notice was enclosed with the bill. Then on 10/05/06 the Integrated Voice Response (IVR) system called the Complainant to advise him of the pending disconnection. The Company also stated that only two payments had been made since 5/09/06; one on 8/9/06 in the amount of \$48.27 and the second made on 9/8/06 in the amount of \$44.47; leaving a total account balance due as of 10/11/06 in the amount of \$1,076.83. Therefore, the Complainant's gas service was disconnected by the Company on 10/17/06 for non-payment.

- In the Complainant's formal complaint, he states he has yet to receive a response to his 10/06/06 letter which was sent approximately six months after the closure letter sent to him on 4/19/06 regarding his informal complaint and as a result, his gas service was terminated. As shown in Schedule 3, Complainant's letter was not received until 10/17/06, the date his of disconnection.
- The Complainant's documentation received on 10/17/06 indicated that the Complainant was living at 2629 Terrace Lane, St. Louis, MO. 63136 as of 10/31/03. Based on this documentation, the Company removed Rosemary Jackson's \$421.93 debt from 8831 May Avenue from the Complainant's account.
- Given the Complainant's documentation placed him at 2629 Terrace, the Company noted an unpaid debt of \$660.10 at this location, therefore, the Company is now requesting that the Complainant pay the debt at 2629 Terrace.

The Complainant's total amount due to restore services is \$1,349.18; this figure is based on the current account balance at 2437 Wieck Drive of \$689.08 and the \$660.10 debt from 2629 Terrace.

■ The Complainant questioned in his formal complaint why he received an estimated bill as a final bill; however, he did not state at which address he had received an estimated final bill. Company records indicate service at 9414 Eastchester Drive was turned off on 2/22/03. The bill had been under the name of Rosemary Jackson. Although the final bill was estimated, the subsequent customer turn-on indicated that the account had been under-estimated; however, no adjustment was made for the under-estimated final bill, which was in the customer's favor.

The final bill at 8831 May Avenue under the name of Marlyn Young, for service from 11/16/04 to 9/21/05 was estimated; however, an actual reading was obtained 10/11/06 with the turn-on for the next customer, which was 21 ccf less than the estimated final bill. A credit of \$32.19 was made to the 2437 Wieck Drive account on 11/09/06, along with the removal of the \$421.93 unpaid debt for service from 2/25/03 to 5/16/03 at 8831 May Avenue previously noted as Rosemary Jackson's account. All other accounts of the Complainant's were closed with actual readings.

The Complainant also noted in his formal complaint that he had been overcharged at his present address of 2437 Wieck Drive. In Staff's findings, the 2437 Wieck Drive account was adjusted for services rendered from 9/14/05 (x9478 regular reading) through 3/17/06 (x10146 regular reading) for 668 ccf's or 689.5 therms in the amount of \$996.12 to correct for estimated billings. The account balance prior to this adjustment was \$1,040.84. The previous billings from this timeframe in the amount of \$983.09 were credited back to the account, as were the late fees of \$16.79. After the adjustments and the rebilling were made to the 2437 Wieck Drive account, the account balance was \$924.42

In addition, on 5/08/06 an AMR (automated meter-reading) device was installed on the existing meter. The current account at 2437 Wieck Drive was adjusted again on 5/19/06, from 3/17/06 to 5/17/06, to correct for an overcharge. The prior account balance was \$938.29. The previous billing of \$143.77 was credited back to the account, along with \$13.85 in late fees. The account was then rebilled for 78 ccf's or 80.1 therms, in the amount of \$132.82. After the correction was made to the account, the account balance was \$913.49.

Subsequent readings were from the AMR device. The Company obtained a regular reading on 10/13/06, prior to the gas service disconnection on 10/17/06. The service from 10/13/06 to the date of disconnection on 10/17/06 was estimated at x(1)0368; however, a regular reading was obtained on 10/13/06 at x(1)0365. The next regular reading was on 11/14/06. A reading of x(1)0365 was obtained; indicating the account had been over-estimated by 3 ccf.

The prior balance on 10/25/06 at 2437 Wieck Drive was \$1,143.20; with the application of the \$454.12 credit, the account balance was reduced to \$689.08.

# CONCLUSION

- The Complainant is disputing the portion of his bill that was transferred from 8831 May Avenue Avenue, St. Louis, MO. Upon review of the documentation the Complainant provided, the Company removed \$421.93 from the current 2437 Wieck Drive account for service from 2/22/03 to 5/16/03 at 8831 May Avenue, under the name of Rosemary Jackson.
- The Complainant maintains that he has yet to receive a response to his 10/06/06 letter and as a result, his gas service was terminated. The Complainant's letter and documentation were not received at the Commission until 10/17/06. The Complainant was provided a second closure letter (see Schedule 4) from Ms. Barr, PSC Staff on 11/21/06.
- The Complainant maintains that he was overcharged for gas services at his present address of 2437 Wieck Drive, St. Louis, MO. 63136; however, it appears that the Company has appropriately billed the account for first the overcharge and then the undercharge (see Schedule 5).

However, as the Complainant's documentation places him at 2629 Terrace, the Company will now transfer the \$660.10 debt at 2629 Terrace, due to benefit of service.

■ The Complainant is also requesting \$3,666.00 for temporary housing and food expenses due to being unable to occupy his home for over one month. Damage claims are outside the scope of the Public Service Commission's jurisdiction. Our General Counsel has advised that with respect to the authority of this Commission, the Missouri Supreme Court has held that:

"The Public Service Commission has full authority to investigate complaints about rates or service and can make orders to remedy the situation in the future, but it cannot grant monetary relief for compensation for past overcharges or damages."

May Department Stores Company v. Union Electric Light & Power Company et al., 107 S.W.2d 41, 58 (1937)

The Commission is a regulatory body that ensures the utility is not in violation of the State Code of Regulations or the Company's approved tariffs. The Commission is not a court of law and therefore has no judicial powers. The Commission ruled in Case No. EC-99-87 that:

"The Public Service Commission is an administrative body only, and not a court, and hence the Commission has no power to exercise or perform a judicial function, or to promulgate an order requiring a pecuniary reparation or refund."

State ex rel. Laundry, Inc. vs. Missouri Public Service Commission.

### RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Complainant's case be dismissed in its entirety, based on the review and verification of all the documentation and facts provided which reflects that the \$421.93 balance from 8831 May Avenue has been appropriately removed from the Complainant's responsibility, that the Complainant's account has been accurately assessed the transferred amount of \$660.10 from 2629 Terrace and that the Complainant's current account at 2437 Wieck Drive of \$689.08 leave the appropriate amount due of \$1,349.18.

# BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

# OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

| Marlyn Young,  v.  Laclede Gas Company,  | Complainant, Respondent. | ) ) Case No. GC-2 | 2007-0211   |  |  |  |  |
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|  | AFFIDAVIT                | OF CECILIA BAI    | RR  |  |  |  |  |
| STATE OF MISSOURI  | )<br>) ss<br>)           |                   |   |  |  |  |  |
| Cecilia Barr, of lawful age, on her oath states: that she has knowledge of the matters set forth, in the Staff's Report, regarding the extent of service and billing issues for residential customers of electric, gas and water utilities and that such matters are true to the best of her knowledge and belief. |                          |                   |   |  |  |  |  |
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| Subscribed and sworn to before me this day of January, 2007.   |                          |                   |   |  |  |  |  |
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|  |                          |                   | CARLA K. SCHNIEDERS  Notary Public - Notary Seal State of Missouri County of Cole My Commission Exp. 06/07/2008 |  |  |  |  |

April 19, 2006

Mr. Marlyn Young 2437 Wieck Drive St. Louis, MO. 63136

Dear Mr. Young:

This letter is in response to your Laclede Gas (Company) complaint #C200607334. In your complaint, you stated you sent a certified letter to Laclede in February 2006. Your letter alleges that Laclede is over-charging your service account and acting in bad faith by attempting to collect a discharged debt. You stated that (1) in 1997, Morlyne B. Young discharged an unpaid balance of \$579.00 in Federal Bankruptcy and Laclede is attempting to collect this debt; and (2) you sold a property to Rosemary B. Jackson in late 2003, who put service in her name; however, because you had a relationship with Ms. Jackson, Laclede put services back into your name. You further state that at this time, you were living with your brother at 1612 Nenmich Drive, St. Louis, MO. I contacted Laclede on your behalf; this is the result of my investigation.

- (1). Regarding the \$579.00 discharged in the 1997 Federal bankruptcy: According to court documents, the bankruptcy was filed on 2/12/97 by Morlyne B. Young at 1250 Ferguson, who had service at this address from 11/16/92 to 1/06/99. Morlyne B. Young was discharged from paying the debt. However, the gas usage billed from 2/12/97 to 1/06/99 was still due and payable. The unpaid amount due was \$112.66. This unpaid debt was transferred to your account on 8831 May. According to court records, Marlyn Young filed for bankruptcy 8/28/00. Therefore, the \$112.66 has been removed from your current account on 2437 Wieck Drive.
- (2). Regarding the property sold to Rosemary B. Jackson in late 2003: You have not provided documentation of the property being sold to Ms. Jackson; however, there is evidence that you both shared benefit of service at 9414 Eastchester (September 1998 to February 2003) and at 8831 May (February 2003 to May 2003), while the services were in Ms. Jackson's name. A social security trace places you at both premises when the debts were incurred. The unpaid debts of \$421.93 were transferred to your account on 8831 May. On 9/21/05 the gas service at 8831 May was turned off per your request.

Mr. Marlyn Young April 19, 2006 Page 2

In December 2003, Laclede was notified by the Post Office that Ms. Jackson's forwarding address was 8831 May. On 7/08/05 you established service at 2437 Wieck. The final bill of \$729.31 from 8831 May was transferred to your account on 2437 Wieck.

Laclede issued a rebill on the account 3/30/06 to correct an over-estimation from 9/14/05 (x9478) to 3/17/06 (x0146). The account balance of \$924.42 is due on 04/13/06 and delinquent on 4/24/06. A statement of bills and payments is attached.

Chapter 13, Service and Billing Practices for Residential Customers of Electric, Gas and Water Utilities, 4 CSR 240-13.050 (2) (B) The failure of a customer to pay for service received at a separate metering point, residence or location. In the event of discontinuance or termination of service at a separate residential metering point, residence or location in accordance with these rules, a utility may transfer and bill any unpaid balance to any other residential service account of the customer and may discontinue service after twenty-one (21) days after rendition of the combined bill, for nonpayment, in accordance with this rule. 4 CSR 240-13.050 (2) (D) The failure to pay the bill of another customer, unless the customer whose service is sought to be discontinued received substantial benefit and use of the service.

In closing, this informal complaint will not be reconsidered for further review without the Missouri Public Service Commission's receipt of the actual documentation disputing the Company records.

Sincerely,

Cecilia Barr Consumer Services Specialist

Attachment: Statement of bills and payments

# Missouri Public Service Commission

From the desk of Cecilia Consumer Services Specialist March 8, 2006

P.O. Box 360
Jefferson City, MO. 65102
Consumer Hotline: 1-800-392-4211

Ms. Morlyne B. Young 2437 Wieck Drive St. Louis, MO. 63136

Dear Ms. Young:

This note is to acknowledge receipt of your Laclede C200607334. In your complaint, you stated you wanted to file a formal complaint.

A formal complaint must be filed in written form including an original and nine (9) copies addressed to Secretary of the PSC, ATTN: Data Center, P.O. Box 360, Jefferson City MO 65102-0360. After filing, the Commission will give the Company thirty (30) days to either satisfactorily resolve the complaint or respond in writing with the Company position. If the complaint is not settled and the Company responds denying the allegations, the Commission may order the Staff to conduct an investigation and may schedule a hearing.

The hearing is very similar to a trial in a court of law. At the time of the hearing, state law requires that you present evidence which will substantiate your claim against the Company. The Company also will be given the opportunity to present evidence discounting your claims. All parties, including the Commission's Staff, will have the opportunity to cross-examine the other parties witnesses. Further, any person as defined in 4CSR 240-2.010(11), other than an individual must be represented by an attorney.

As a phone number was not provided with your complaint, I am advising you by mail that your complaint has been sent to Laclede as an informal complaint. Please allow 2 weeks for a response.

If you are unsatisfied with the informal complaint results, you can contact me to request the formal complaint paperwork.

In the meantime, if you have an urgent question, I may be reached toll-free at 1-800-392-4211.

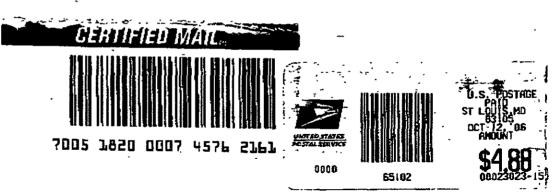
Sincerely,

Cecilia

Schedule 3

Marlyn Young 2437 Wieck Drive St. Louis, MO 63136

> RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED



Missouri Public Service Commission Ms. Cecilia Barr P.O. Box 360 Jefferson City, MO 65102 October 6, 2006

Missouri Public Service Commission Ms. Cccilia Barr P.O. Box 360 Jefferson City, MO 65102

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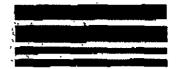
This letter is a response pursuant to an informal complaint #C200607334 with Laclede Gas Co. In the second paragraph of your letter dated April 19, 2006, You indicated that a social security number trace places you Both at 9414 Eastchester and 8831 May St. Louis, Mo. Tracing my social security number you would also find that I am a Real Estate investor, and I once was the owner of both properties. You will also find many other addresses in my credit file of properties that I own and with tenants occupying them. I am enclosing evidence that I didn't reside at the addresses mentioned above. I had my own residence. I guess Laclode Gas Co., can also establish that I have a shared benefit relationship with my Tenants. Since I owe several residential and commercial properties, how utterly ridiculous. I sold and rented these properties to Ms. Jackson. No one still has answer my question as to why an entire bill was transferred to my account other than to falsely claim that I supposedly lived somewhere else other than my residence. Laciede Gas, hasn't prove that I lived at either address. Incidently, why am I gotting estimated gas reading as a final bill. what happen to the actual gas readings. Those are NOT ACTUAL Readings????? You made no comment about a Laclede Gas Co. statement full of estimated reading. In closing I found absolutely NO EVIDENCE from any documentation or statements | Lacicde Gas Coprovided that proved that I owed them \$1,000. I am requesting that Laclede Gas remove \$1,000 from my statement. That Laclede Gas Co. desist from this collection effort. If they persist in this effort I will take whatover means to protect my economic interest.

Marlyn Young CUSTOMER SERVICES 2437 Wieck Drive St. Louis, MO 69 PHE SERVICE COMMISSION

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Schedule 3

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TITLE OF DOCUMENT: Deed Of Trust

DATE OF DOCUMENT: 10-24-03

BORROWER / GRANTOR: Rosemary Jackson, A Single Person

GRANTOR ADDRESS: 8831 May Ave, St. Lonis, Mn. 63136

LENDER / GRANTEE: Mailyn YOung

GRANTEKS ANDRESS: 2629 Terrace Lane, St. Louis, Mo. 63136

<u>LEGAL DESCRIPATION:</u> The East 50 feet of the West 95 feet of the Ninth 165 feet of Lot 2 in Block 3 of the second subdivision of the estate of Ann B. Jenning, deceased according to the plat thereof recorded in plat book 9 page 15 of the St. Louis County Records, excepting therefrom that part conveyed to the County of St. Louis for road purposes by deed recorded in book 1768 page 205.

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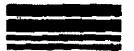
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# QUIT CLAIM DEED

This Deed, Made and entered late this 16th day of July

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Bi-State Housing System

1515N Warson Rd. St. Louis, MO 63132 a Company organized and existing under the laws of the State of Missouri

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Marlyn Young A Single Person 9414 Eastchester Dr St. Louis, MO

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KIM L CAMERON

Notary Public - Notary Seal STATE OF MISSOURI St. Louis County

My Commission Expires Sept. 7, 2001

Schedule 3

STATE OF MISSOUR! } ss. On this 16th day of July . 1999 , before the personally appeared County of St. Louis Marlyn Young to me known to be the person or persons described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged that him executed the same as him free act and deed, as the party or period of the second part. IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have become set my hand and affined my official sealing the and State aforesaid, the day and year first above written. My term expires KIM L. CAMERON Hotery Public - Normy State STATE OF MISSOURI 5t Louis County STATE OF MISSOURI On this day of . 19 before no appeared io et parsonally known. who, being by me duly sworn, did say that he is the , and that the seal affixed to the foregoing instrument is the cora corporation of the State of porate scal of said corporation, and that said instrument was signed and sesied in behalf of said corporation, by sutherity of its Board of Directory; and said said instrument to be the free act and deed of said corporation as party of the ptiff. IN TESTIMONY WREREOF, I have horozoto asi my band and affixed my official scal in the State the day and year first above written. My (sem expires QUIT CLAIM DEED Schedule 3 232 256 1200

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Mr. Marlyn Young 2437 Wieck Drive St. Louis, MO. 63136

Dear Mr. Young:

This letter is a follow-up to your phone call of 10/16/06 regarding your Laclede billing and service issues. In your 10/16/06 phone call, you stated you were upset that the 4/12/06 letter from me stated that the 3/08/06 complaint matter was closed; however, you did remember that the letter stated the matter would not be investigated further until you provided documentation to dispute the Company's documentation. You filed a lawsuit and the civil case was dismissed.

In your 10/16/06 call, you stated that Laclede was at the residence to disconnect service. My call to Laclede on your behalf revealed that only 2 payments had been made since April 2006; \$44.47 on 9/08/06 and \$48.27 on 8/09/06 and the service was being disconnected for non-payment.

You stated 4 CSR 240-13.045, Disputes, indicates that no payment was required. However, the rule reads as follows: "(5) If a customer disputes a charge, s/he shall pay to the utility an amount equal to that part of the charge not in dispute. The amount not in dispute shall be mutually determined by the parties. The parties shall consider the customer's prior consumption history, weather variations, the nature of the dispute and any other pertinent factors in determining the amount not in dispute. (6) If the parties are unable to mutually determine the amount not in dispute, the customer shall pay to the utility, at the utility's option, an amount not to exceed fifty percent (50%) of the charge in dispute or an amount based on usage during a like period under similar conditions which shall represent the amount not in dispute. (7) Failure of the customer to pay to the utility the amount not in dispute within four (4) working days from the date that the dispute is registered or by the delinquent date of the disputed bill, whichever is later, shall constitute a waiver of the customer's right to continuance of service and the utility may then proceed to discontinue service as provided in this rule."

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You further stated you sent a certified letter to my attention on Thursday, 10/12/06; however, you did not state whether you had the signed receipt back. Both the PSC Data Center and the PSC Mailroom advised your letter had not yet been received. The letter was not received until 10/17/06 and it was immediately forwarded to Laclede for review.

Based on a review of the documentation you provided, Laclede's Credit and Collections Department has advised the following:

On 10/17/06 gas service at 2437 Wieck was disconnected at the curb due to non-payment. On 10/31/06 an adjustment was issued on the previous account at 8831 May, due to an over-estimation. The adjusted credit balance of \$32.19 will be transferred to the account at 2437 Wieck.

The account balance presently outstanding at 2437 Wieck includes two bills accumulated by Rosemary Jackson, which total \$421.93. These account balances were previously tied to you through social security number traces and other information.

The account balance now outstanding at 2629 Terrace Ave. is \$660.10, in the name Rosemary Jackson. Review of the Deed of Trust recently submitted by you indicates you listed 2629 Terrace as your address on October 24, 2003. You also listed 2629 Terrace Ave. as your home address in 2002 and 2004 per documents available through public records.

You were previously held responsible for balances amounting to \$421.93, accumulated under the name of Rosemary Jackson at 8831 May Ave. and 9414 Eastchester Drive. The documentation provided by you on 10/17/06 (specifically the Deed of Trust listing your address as 2629 Terrace Ave. as of October 2003), along with other information available, ties you to the \$660.10 debt accumulated at 2629 Terrace, which is presently outstanding in the name of Rosemary Jackson. Due to the information showing you at 2629 Terrace, Laclede will initiate reversal of the \$421.93 in debts previously transferred prior to November 2003 at 8831 May Ave and from 9414 Eastchester.

Due to the recent documentation you provided, in addition to other information available which places you at 2629 Terrace Avenue, Laclede will now require payment of the \$660.10 debt at 2629 Terrace, prior to restoration of service at 2437 Wieck, due to your benefit of service at 2629 Terrace during the accumulation of the \$660.10 bill at 2629 Terrace. The remaining debt at 2437 Wieck will be \$689.08; following the removal of the \$421.93 debts noted above and following the \$32.19 credit adjustment from your prior account at 8831 May. Therefore, you are responsible for bills amounting to \$1,349.18 (\$689.08 plus \$660.10) prior to restoration of service at 2437 Wieck.

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This concludes our investigation of your informal complaint. Receipt of this letter serves as your notice of closure into this matter. If you are dissatisfied with the resolution, it is our responsibility to advise you that under Commission rule 4 CSR 240-13.070 (4), you may file a formal complaint.

For your convenience, please contact us within 31 days from the date of this letter to request a formal complaint packet. The formal complaint process is a quasi-judicial process similar to a civil court hearing, whereby all parties are responsible for presenting their facts to the Commission.

Ihope that I have been able to address your concerns. Thank you for contacting our office regarding this matter. If I can assist you further in any way, please do not hesitate to contact me at 1-800-392-4211.

Sincerely,

Cecilia Barr Consumer Specialist II Missouri Public Service Commission DEPT. 9

LACLEDE GAS COMPANY STATEMENT OF BILLS & PAYMENTS JANUARY 09, 2007

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SERVICE ADDRESS: 2437 WIECK DR ACCT. NO: 309861-004

YOUNG, MARLYN 2437 WIECK DR ST LOUIS, MO 63136

| DATE       | TRANSACTION                 | SERVICE DATES<br>FROM - TO | METER<br>READING | THERMS | BILLS/<br>PAYMENTS | BALANCE         |
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| BALANCE AS | S OF 07-14-05               |                            |                  |        |                    | 0.00            |
| 07-14-05   | SERVICE INITIATION FEE      |                            |                  |        | 36.00              | 36.00           |
| 09-02-05   | REBILL                      | 07/08/05-08/15/05          | 9475E            | 14.3   | 33.10              | 69.10           |
| 09-19-05   | SERVICE-RANGE REPAIR        |                            |                  |        | 99.87              | 168.97          |
| 09-19-05   | BILL                        | 08/15/05-09/14/05          | 9478R            | 3.1    | 16.99              | 185.96          |
| 10-12-05   | LATE PAY CHRG-GAS SERVICE   |                            |                  |        | 1.29               | 187 <i>.</i> 25 |
| 10-12-05   | LATE PAY CHRG-SERVICE WORK  |                            |                  |        | 1.50               | 188.75          |
| 10-18-05   | REBILL                      | 09/14/05-10/13/05          | 9506E            | 28.6   | 43.26              | 232.01          |
| 10-20-05   | PAYMENT-GAS SERVICE         |                            |                  |        | 130.64-            | 101.37          |
| 10-20-05   | PAYMENT-SERVICE WORK        |                            |                  |        | 19.36-             | 82.01           |
| 11-10-05   | LATE PAY CHRG-SERVICE WORK  |                            |                  |        | 1.23               | 83.24           |
| 11-17-05   | REBILL                      | 10/13/05-11/14/05          | 9581 E           | 77.0   | 95.59              | 178.83          |
| 12-12-05   | LATE PAY CHRG-GAS SERVICE   |                            |                  |        | 1.43               | 180.26          |
| 12-12-05   | LATE PAY CHRG-SERVICE WORK  |                            |                  |        | 1.25               | 181.51          |
| 12-16-05   | PAYMENT-GAS SERVICE         |                            |                  |        | 95.59-             | 85.92           |
| 12-16-05   | PAYMENT-SERVICE WORK        |                            |                  |        | 83.24-             | 2.68            |
| 12-19-05   | ACCOUNT TRANSFER            |                            |                  |        | 729.31             | 731.99          |
| 12-19-05   | REBILL                      | 11/14/05-12/14/05          | 9779E            | 204.7  | 302.56             | 1,034.55        |
| 01 -20-0 6 | REBILL                      | 12/14/05-01/17/06          | 9975E            | 202.7  | 295.99             | 1,330.54        |
| 02-14-06   | LATE PAY CHRG-SERVICE WORK  |                            |                  |        | 0.02               | 1,330.56        |
| 02-21-06   | REBILL CWR 596.00           | 01/17/06-02/15/06          | 0147E            | 177.5  | 245.69             | 1,576.25        |
| 02-21-06   | PAYMENT-GAS SERVICE         |                            |                  |        | 273.79-            | 1,302.46        |
| 03~14-06   | PAYMENT-GAS SERVICE         |                            |                  |        | 277.00-            | 1,025.46        |
| 03-16-06   | LATE PAY CHRG-GAS SERVICE   |                            |                  |        | 15.36              | 1,040.82        |
| 03-16-06   | LATE PAY CHRG-SERVICE WORK  | •                          |                  |        | 0.02               | 1,040.84        |
| 03-29-06   | ACCOUNT TRANSFER            |                            |                  | •      | 112.66-            | 928.18          |
| 03-30-06   | BILL ADJUSTMENT CREDIT      |                            |                  |        | 983.09~            | 54.91-          |
| 03 -30-0 6 | LATE PAY CREDIT-GAS SERVICE |                            |                  |        | 16.79-             | 71.70-          |
| 03-30-06   | BILL                        | 09/14/05-03/17/06          | 0146R            | 689.5  | 996.12             | 924.42          |
| 04-21-06   | REBILL                      | 03/17/06-04/18/06          | 0242E            | 98.8   | 143.77             | 1,068.19        |
| 05-09-06   | PAYMENT-GAS SERVICE         |                            |                  |        | 143.77-            | 924.42          |
| 05-16-06   | LATE PAY CHRG-GAS SERVICE   |                            |                  |        | 13.85              | 938.27          |
| 05-16-06   | LATE PAY CHRG-SERVICE WORK  |                            |                  |        | 0.02               | 938.29          |
| 05-19-06   | BILL ADJUSTMENT CREDIT      |                            |                  |        | 143.77-            | 794.52          |
| 05-19-06   | LATE PAY CREDIT-GAS SERVICE |                            |                  |        | 13.85-             | 780.67          |
| 05-19-06   | SILL                        | 03/17/06-05/17/06          | 0224R            | 80.1   | 132.62             | 913,49          |
| 06-20-06   | BILL                        | 05/17/06-06/16/06          | 0256R            | 32.7   | 56.24              | 969.73          |
| 07-13-06   | LATE PAY CHRG-GAS SERVICE   |                            |                  |        | 14.53              | 984.25          |
| 07-13-06   | LATE PAY CHRG-SERVICE WORK  |                            |                  |        | 0.02               | 984.28          |

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| 07-20-06 | BILL                       | 06/16/06-07/18/06          | 0282R            | 26.5    | 48.27               | 1,032.55 |
| 08-09-06 | PAYMENT-GAS SERVICE        |                            |                  |         | 48.27-              | 984.28   |
| 08-14-06 | LATE PAY CHRG-GAS SERVICE  |                            |                  |         | 14.74               | 999.02   |
| 08-14-06 | LATE PAY CHRG-SERVICE WORK |                            |                  |         | 0.02                | 999.04   |
| 08-18-06 | BILL                       | 07/18/06-08/16/06          | 0305R            | 23.6    | 44.43               | 1,043.47 |
| 09-08-06 | PAYMENT-GAS SERVICE        |                            |                  |         | 44.47-              | 999.00   |
| 09-12-06 | LATE PAY CHRG-GAS SERVICE  |                            |                  |         | 14.96               | 1,013.96 |
| 09-12-06 | LATE PAY CHRG-SERVICE WORK |                            |                  |         | 0.02                | 1,013.98 |
| 09-18-06 | BILL                       | 08/16/06-09/14/06          | 0330R            | 25.5    | .46.94              | 1,060.92 |
| 10-11-06 | LATE PAY CHRG-GAS SERVICE  | ****                       |                  |         | 15.89               | 1,076.81 |
| 10-11-06 | LATE PAY CHRG-SERVICE WORK |                            |                  |         | 0.02                | 1,076.83 |
| 10-17-06 | BILL                       | 09/14/06-10/13/06          | 0357 R           | 27.6    | 49.72               | 1,126,55 |
| 10-25-06 | BILL                       | 10/13/06-10/17/06          | 0368E            | 11.2    | 16.65               | 1,143.20 |
| 11-09-06 | PAYMENT-GAS SERVICE        | 10/13/00 10/17/00          | 03001            | 1 * * * | 454.12-             | 689.08   |
| ##-09-00 | CATTERIT OND ONLY LCC      |                            |                  |         | 202176              | 442144   |

TOTAL ACCOUNT BALANCE

\$689.08

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THE ABOVE ACCOUNT BALANCE DOES NOT REFLECT ANY BUDGET OR FAYMENT ARRANCEMENTS YOU MAY HAVE MADE. REFER TO YOUR LAST BILL FOR INFORMATION ON YOUR AMOUNT DUE.

EXPLANATION OF METER READING CODES

R - REGULAR READING

S - CUSTOMER READING

'E - ESTIMATE