BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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United Steelworkers of America, Local No. 11-6, AFL-CIO,

Complainant,

v.

Laclede Gas Company,

Respondent.

Case No. GC-2006-0313

NOTICE OF COMPLAINT

Issue Date: February 2, 2006

Laclede Gas Company Legal Department 720 Olive Street St. Louis, Missouri 63101 **CERTIFIED MAIL**

On January 31, 2006, United Steelworkers of America, Local No. 11-6, AFL-CIO, filed a complaint with the Missouri Public Service Commission against Laclede Gas Company. A copy of the complaint is enclosed. Under Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.070, Laclede has 30 days from the date of this notice to file an answer or to file notification that the complaint has been satisfied. Since this notice is being issued on February 2, Laclede's response is due by March 4, 2006.

In the alternative, Laclede may file a written request that the complaint be referred to a neutral third-party mediator for voluntary mediation. If the Commission receives a request for mediation, the 30-day time period for filing an answer or notice of satisfaction will be tolled while the Commission determines whether the complainant is also willing to mediate. If the complainant agrees to mediation, the time for Laclede to file an answer or notice of satisfaction will be suspended until the mediation is finished. Additional information regarding the mediation process is enclosed.

If the complainant does not wish to mediate, Laclede will be notified in writing that the tolling has ceased and will also be told when to file its answer or notice of satisfaction. That response will usually be due at the end the remaining portion of the original 30-day period.

All pleadings, including the answer, must be mailed to:

Secretary of the Public Service Commission P.O. Box 360 Jefferson City, Missouri 65102-0360

A copy must be served upon the complainant at the address listed within the enclosed complaint. A copy of this notice has been mailed to the complainant.

BY THE COMMISSION

Colleen M. Dale Secretary

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Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri, on this 2nd day of February, 2006.

Woodruff, Deputy Chief Regulatory Law Judge

Copy to: Sherrie A. Schroder Diekemper, Hammond, Hinners, Turcotte and Larrew, P.C. 7730 Carondelet Ave., Suite 200 St. Louis, MO 63105