

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of Missouri Coalition for Fair Competition,)	
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)	
Complainant,)	
)	
v.)	<u>Case No. GC-2007-0169</u>
)	
Laclede Gas Company,)	
)	
Respondent.)	

ORDER DIRECTING STAFF TO INVESTIGATE AND FILE A STATUS REPORT

Issue Date: November 29, 2006

Effective Date: November 29, 2006

The Missouri Coalition for Fair Competition ("MCFC") filed a formal complaint against Laclede Gas Company ("Laclede") on October 26, 2006. On October 27, 2006, the Commission notified Laclede of the complaint and allowed it thirty days in which to answer as provided by Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.070(7). Laclede filed its answer to MCFC's complaint on November 27, 2006, and also moved, in the same pleading, for dismissal of the complaint on two alternative grounds: first, that the complaint is an improper collateral attack on a previous decision by the Commission; and second, that Laclede has attached to its answer sufficient and satisfactory documentary evidence establishing that MCFC is not entitled to the relief requested in its complaint.

Pursuant to Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.070(10), the Commission would like to have the benefit of an investigation and report by its Staff as to the cause of the complaint

and the contested legal and factual issues set out in the pleadings before it further considers this matter, which is not particularly time-sensitive.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. The Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission shall commence an investigation of the Missouri Coalition for Fair Competition's formal complaint against Laclede Gas Company.
2. On or before December 19, 2006, the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission shall file a brief status report advising the Commission of a date certain on which Staff will be able to file a report and recommendation in this matter.
3. This order shall become effective on November 29, 2006.

BY THE COMMISSION



Colleen M. Dale
Secretary

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Benjamin H. Lane, Regulatory
Law Judge, by delegation of authority
under Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 29th day of November, 2006.