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September 20, 2006

Missouri Public Service Commission Administration Division PO Box 360 Jefferson City, MO 65102

Robert F. Morgan Complainant

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Case No. GC-2007-0054

Laclede Gas Company Respondent

To Whom It May Concern,

It seems as if my troubles with Laclede Gas Company continue. I have been in contact with Rick Zucker, Assistant General Counsel in the above mentioned case. He stated that he was e-mailing me Laclede Gas's response to my complaint during the last week of August. When I did not receive the e-mail by 9/7/06 he said he would send it. My intention was to try to resolve this dispute without involving the Public Service Commission. I did receive his e-mail on 9/8/06 and it is enclosed. (1)

I also received my latest bill, enclosed (2) along with a notice of disconnection if the bill was not paid by 9/15/06. I again contacted Mr. Zucker who assured me that my file was labeled "disputed" and my gas would not be disconnected. When I returned home from work on 9/19/06 I had a disconnect notice on my front door.

I later received Laclede Gas's answer to complaint by the Public Service Commission.

I believe that there is no objective evidence that my meter was not working until 12/22/05 thru 3/27/06 when the meter was repaired. Apparently it recently malfunctioned again, but was not replaced until August, 2006.

It seems to me that Laclede Gas is a poorly functioning and inefficient company based upon my experiences during the last year.

Sincerely,

Robert F. Morgan, M.D.

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From:

Zucker, Rick <RZucker@lacledegas.com>

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Sent :

Thursday, September 7, 2006 7:16 PM

To:

<rfmorganmd@hotmail.com>

Subject :

GC-2007-0054; Account No. 448896-003.

Dear Dr. Morgan:

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The issue in our case arises from a meter malfunction that occurred during the past winter. Pursuant to Laclede's tariffs, we are entitled to bill you based on an estimate of the amount of gas used over the proba period during which the error existed. Our original estimate covered the period 10/21/05 – 3/27/06. Your position is that the estimated period should only cover 12/22/05 – 3/27/06.

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Based on my examination, I believe the most appropriate result is in the middle, that is, the probable billing per covered by the meter malfunction was 11/22/05 倓 3/27/06.Å I believe that the meter worked properly betwee 10/21/05 and 11/22/05, but that it stopped working correctly shortly after November 22, 2005.Å The resulting adjustment would be a reduction in your usage of 34 ccf, corresponding to a bill credit of about \$38.

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Here are the facts:

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November Billing Month for Year: A A A Heating degree days Â Â Â Your Usage in ccf

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December Billing Month for Year:

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As you can see, the usage registered by the meter in November 2005 was right in line with the previous years, maybe even slightly low, probably reflecting the effects of conservation or of your hospital stay, or both. How the usage registered for December 2005, which was significantly colder than the past two years, is unbelievable low, looking more like June than December. This indicates that the meter likely stopped working less than a vinto the December billing month. Therefore, I propose using your metered usage for November, and estimate period 11/22/05 â€* 3/27/06.

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Regarding the estimated period, I believe our estimate is very favorable to you, as follows:

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The end result is that for the period 10/21/05 â€" 3/27/06, rather than bill you for 775 ccf usage, we would inste bill 74 ccf for 10/21 â€" 11/22, plus 667 ccf for 11/22/05 â€" 3/27/06, for a total of 741 ccf. As stated above, the a saving of 34 ccf, or about \$38. Please let me know if you agree, and we will adjust your account accordingle. Also, please let me know if you are unable to pay the full amount owed, roughly \$940, in one payment. We will glad to work out a payment arrangement with you.

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Please contact me if you have any questions, or if you are unable to clearly read this email. I look forward to hearing from you.

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Sincerely, Â

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Rick Zucker

Assistant General Counsel

Laclede Gas Company

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Laclede Gas Company ST. LOUIS, MO 63171

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DEPOSIT 0.00 RATE



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ACCT NO. 448896 - 003 - 6 . 00000 DEGREE DAYS AVERAGE GAS COST PER THERM PRESENT **PREVIOUS** USAGE X BTU FACTOR= THERMS BEADING READING (CCF) 1.023 6198 6198 **ACTUAL READING**

AMOUNT

GAS ARREARS/LATE PAY

CURRENT CHARGES

962.90

LATE PAYMENT CHRG GAS 14.23 CHARGE FOR GAS SVC 07-26-06 TO 08-23-06 12.22 (INCLUDES A MONTHLY ISRS CHARGE OF \$.22) WILDWOOD TAX ACCOUNT BALANCE 975.76

12.86 DISCONNECT DATE SEP 15, 2006 SEE ENCLOSED NOTICE

PRIOR GAS BALANCE

PAYMENT THANK YOU

AMOUNT DUE \$975.76 WE MAY REPORT YOUR PAYMENT PERFORMANCE TO CREDIT PAYMENT DUE BY 09-07-06 DELINQUENT AFTER 09-15-06 REPORTING AGENCIES TO THE EXTENT PERMITTED BY LAW.

RETURN THIS STUB TO: LACLEDE GAS COMPANY, DRAWER 2, ST. LOUIS, MO 63171

\$975.76

AMOUNT DUE \$97 PAYMENT DUE BY 09-07-06 DELINQUENT AFTER 09-15-06 Dollar Help - Check One!

\$2 \$1

AMOUNT PAID

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ROBERT F MORGAN 16279 PEPPERMILL DR CHESTERFIELD, MO 63005

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