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



Missouri Public Service Commission

Name: Robert F. Morgan	Service Commiss
Complainant	)
VS.	) Case No.
Company Name: Laclede Gas Respondent	) ) )
COMPLAINT	
Complainant resides at 16279 Peppermi (address Wildwood, Misso	ss of complainant)
1. Respondent, Laclede Gas (compar	ny name)
of St. Louis, MO (location of company)	, is a public utility under the
jurisdiction of the Public Service Commission of the Sta	
2. As the basis of this complaint, Complainant s	states the following facts:
sel enclosed à	attached

3. The Complainant has taken the following steps to present this complaint to the Respondent:

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WHEREFORE, Complainant now	v requests the following relief:
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Attach additional pages, as necessary.
Attach copies of any supporting documentation.



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August 03, 2006

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

To Whom It May Concern,

I received my 6/29/06 gas bill and noticed that there was a \$1098.52 charge for unmetered gas, (#1). I contacted Laclede Gas immediately to attempt to clarify a bill. I was told that someone who knows about unmetered gas charges would contact me. When I finally did get the opportunity to speak with Mrs. P. Johnson of Customer Relations she stated that apparently my gas meter was not functioning properly starting on 10/21/05 until 3/27/06, she subsequently sent me the enclosed letter, (#2).

I then reviewed my gas bill for the period in question, (#3). It appears to me that my meter was working up to 12/22/05 and then malfunctioned until 3/27/06 when the meter was repaired. I again contacted Mrs. P. Johnson and tried to explain my position to no avail. I asked to speak to her supervisor (unknown name) who said that Laclede Gas was giving me a break because there were other bills going back to June 2004 that were also incorrect and that I should be happy that my bill is only \$1098.52. She subsequently sent me a breakdown of my gas bills from 5/27/05 - 6/28/06, (#4).

I understand that my gas meter was not working from 12/22/05 - 3/27/06 and I am willing to pay reasonable charges for that period of time but I do not understand their argument for the periods when my meter was working. In addition, all estimates for my gas bills are higher than the previous year. Finally I was in a serious car accident in 2005 and was hospitalized at St. John's Hospital in October 2005 and later had surgery in November 2005. I find it difficult to believe that our gas bills would be higher during that time compared to 2004 since my wife and I spent considerably less time at home during this period.

I also understand that I am not the only person with similar problems with Laclede Gas based upon a story that aired on KSDK on 7/5/06.

Sincerely,

Robert F. Morgan, M.D.

Laclede Gas Company ST. LOUIS, MO 63171 SERVICE AT: 16279 PERPERMILL DR

ACCT NO. 441	8896-003-	6 DEP	osa 0.0	O RATE RG	3500	
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PRESENT READING	PREVIOUS READING	USAGE X	BTU FACTOR=	THERMS	PRIOR GAS BALANCE PAYMENT THANK YOU	64.91 64.91
6063 6117	6063 6063	0 54			CHARGE FOR UNMETERED GAS FROM 10-21-05 TO 03-27-06 775 CCF	1098.52
ACTUAL READING-METER CHANGE AMOUNT				AMOUNT	BILL ADJUSTHENT   CHARGE FOR GAS SVC 03~27-06 TO 05-25-06   NILDWOOD TAX	264.80 92.2 4.85
GAS CRE	DITE CHARGES	S		264.80 <sup>.</sup> 1195.61	ACCOUNT BALANCE	930.61
	1 17 1	-			CORRECTED BILL	

AMOUNT DUE \$930.81 HELP SOMEONE IN NEED. GIVE TO DOLLAR HELP. CHECK A PAYHENT DUE BY 06-29-06 DELINQUENT AFTER 07-10-06 RED BOX TO ADD A DONATION TO EACH MONTH'S GAS BILL.

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

AMOUNT DUE \$93 PAYMENT DUE BY 06-29-06 DELINQUENT AFTER 07-10-08 Dollar Help - Check One!

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ROBERT F MORGAN 16279 PEPPERMILL DR CHESTERFIELD, MO 63005

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Customer Relations (314) 621-6960



## Laclede Gas 720 Olive Street St. Louis, MO 63101

July 3, 2006

Robert F. Morgan 16279 Peppermill Dr. Chesterfield, MO 63005

Re: Acct. #448896-003-6

Dear Mr. Morgan:

Our method used to calculate an unmetered gas charge is one in which we use estimating factors established from your prior usage history. There are two factors used: one for heating usage and one for non-heating usage. These factors are then applied to the weather conditions that existed during the period of time the meter was malfunctioning to produce a month-by-month billing. This method that we use is in agreement with the rules and regulations of the Missouri Public Service Commission by which, we are governed.

I have listed below a breakdown of the unmetered gas charge billed on?your May 2006 statement.

SERVICE (	DATES	DEGREE		
From	To	DAYS	THERMS	BILLINGS
10/21/05	11/22/05	458	76.1 111.1	\$ 130.66
11/22/05	12/22/05	990	<b>35.2</b> 190.6	261.71
<b>✓</b> 12/22/05	01/25/06	787	178.5	238.86
<b>√</b> 01/25/06	02/24/06	865	177.8	227.62
<b>√</b> 02/24/06	03/27/06	616	142.0	184.74
SUBTOTAL				\$1,043.59
WILDWOOD	TAX			54.93
TOTAL				\$1,098.52

I hope this information will be of assistance to you. If you have any questions or wish to make payment arrangements, please contact me at 342-0741.

Sincerely,

Mrs. P. Johnson CUSTOMER RELATIONS

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INSPECTED! CALL US A QUALIFICALIVAÇ BEALER TO DOLLAR HELP. C 2 WEED. GIVE TO HELP SOMEONE IN NEED. GIVE TO DOLLAR HELP. CURRENT CHARGES 12.63 10-21-05 RED BOX TO ADD A DONATION TO EACH MONTH'S GAS BILL. \$40.00 OFF THE PURCHASE OF A NEW GAS WATER HEATER! 유 SAME DAY OR NEXT DAY SERVICE AVAILABLE. AMOUNT DUE 🦃 \$12.63 GAS SVC PAYMENT DUE BY 02-08-06 DELINQUENT AFTER 02-17-06 P SOMEONE IN BOX TO ADD A Laclede Gas Company ST. LOUIS, MO 69171 DETAIL R GAS B GE FOR EXPERT 16279 PEPPERMILL DR PRIOR PRESORTED HELP RED B ACCT NO. 448896 - 003 - 6 0 . 0 0 RATE RG . 0 0 0 0 0 pegree days AVERAGE GAS COST PER THERM 865 BILL DETAIL AMOUNT **458** .42 \$186.62 PREVIOUS READING PRESENT USAGE PRIOR GAS BALANCE 12.63 X BTU FACTOR= THERMS 76.1 READING PAYMENT THANK YOU 12.63 CHARGE FOR GAS SVC 01-25-06 TO 02-24-06 6063 6063 RATE 99 1.034 12.00 WILDWOOD TAX ACCOUNT BALANCE AFTER. ACTUAL READING THUOMA O'C 1.029 HELP SOMEONE IN NEED. GIVE TO DOLLAR HELP. CHECK A CURRENT CHARGES 12.63 AMOUNT DUE RED BOX TO ADD A DONATION TO EACH HONTH'S GAS BILL. BEAT HIGH POSTAGE COSTS! PAY ONLINE FOR FREE! SEE THE BACK OF THIS BILL FOR MORE INFORMATION. AMOUNT DUE \$12.63 PAYMENT DUE BY 03-10-06 DELINQUENT AFTER 03-21-06 9-200-968895 CHARGES

Laclede Gas Company St. LOUIS, MO 6317 16279 PEPPERMILL DR ACCT NO. 448896-003-6 AVERAGE GAS COST PER THERM . 0 0 0 0 0 DEGREE DAYS 619 BILL DETAIL AMOUNT PREVIOUS USAGE PRIOR GAS BALANCE BTU FACTOR: 12.63 THERMS READING READING (CCF) PAYHENT THANK YOU 12.63-CHARGE FOR GAS SVC 02-24-86 TG 03-27-06 12.00

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HELP SOMEONE IN NEED. GIVE TO DOLLAR HELP. CHECK A 12.63 RED BOX TO ADD A DONATION TO EACH HONTH'S GAS BILL. PRE-SEASON GRILL SALE! CALL OR VISIT

WILDWOOD TAX

ACCOUNT BALANCE

HHW.LACLEDEAPPLIANCES.COM FOR HORE INFORMATION AMOUNT DUE \$12.63

PAYMENT DUE BY 04-10-06 DELINQUENT AFTER 04-19-06 Laclede Gas Company ST. LOUIS, MO 6317

16279 PEPPERMILL DR O . O O RATE DEPOSIT ACCT NO. 448896-003 AVERAGE GAS COST PER THERM: \$2095 DEGREE DAYS USAGE THERMS BTU FACTOR= PREVIOUS PRESENT (CCF) READING READING 40.1 6102

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HELP SOMEONE IN NEED. GIVE TO DOLLAR HELP, CHECK A RED BOX TO ADD A DONATION TO EACH HONTH'S GAS BILL.

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## LACLEDE GAS COMPANY STATEMENT OF BILLS & PAYMENTS JULY 07, 2006

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MORGAN, ROBERT F 16279 PEPPERMILL DR CHESTERFIELD, MO 63005

SERVICE ADDRESS: 16279 PEPPERMILL DR ACCT. NO: 448896-003

DATE	TRANSACTION	SERVICE DATES FROM - TO	METER READING	THERMS	BILLS/ Payments	BALANCE
BALANCE A	S OF 05-27-05					1.00
05-27-05	BILL	04/26/05-05/25/05	5804R	42.9	55.63	56.63
06-21-05	LATE PAY CHRG-GAS SERVICE	V () 20, V3 V3, 23, V3	200 III	12.7	0.85	57.48
06-28-05	BILL	05/25/05-06/24/05	5840R	36.8	49.78	107.26
07-08-05	PAYMENT-GAS SERVICE	12. 22, 12 10, 1, 1,	50 (0)	00.0	107.26-	0.00
07-28-05	REBILL	06/24/05-07/26/05	5864R	24.5	37.92	37.92
08-22-05	LATE PAY CHRG-GAS SERVICE	***************************************	200 IX	25	0.57	38.49
08-25-05	REBILL	07/26/05-08/23/05	5895E	31.7	45.15	83.64
09-07-05	PAYMENT-GAS SERVICE			•	83.64-	0.00
09-26-05	BILL ADJUSTMENT CREDIT				83.07-	83.07-
09-26-05	LATE PAY CREDIT GAS SERVICE				0.57-	83.64-
09-26-05	BILL	06/24/05-09/22/05	5840R	0.0	40.29	43.35-
10-25-05	BILL	09/22/05-10/21/05	5955R	117.5	130.77	87.42
11-25-05	REBILL	10/21/05~11/22/05	6029R	76.1	99.20	186.62
12-08-05	PAYMENT-GAS SERVICE				186.62-	0.00
12-28-05	REBILL	11/22/05-12/22/05	6063R	35.2	62.80	62.80
01-10-06	PAYMENT-GAS SERVICE				62.80-	0.00
01-27-06	REBILL	12/22/05-01/25/06	6063R	0.0	12.63	12.63
02-01-06	PAYMENT-GAS SERVICE				12.63-	0.00
02-28-06	REBILL	01/25/06-02/24/06	6063R	0.0	12.63	12.63
03-08-06	PAYMENT-GAS SERVICE				12.63-	0.00
03-29-06	REBILL	02/24/06-03/27/06	6063R	0.0	12.63	12.63
04-10-06	PAYMENT-GAS SERVICE				12.63-	0.00
04-28-06	REBILL	03/27/06-04/26/06	6102R	40.1	64.91	64.91
05-12-06	PAYMENT-GAS SERVICE				64.91-	0.00
06-14-06	BILL ADJUSTMENT DEBIT				1,098.52	1,098.52
06-15-06	BILL ADJUSTMENT CREDIT				264.80-	833.72
06-15-06	BILL	03/27/06-05/25/06	6117R	55.4	97.09	930.81
06-21-06	PAYMENT-GAS SERVICE				32.34-	898.47
06-28-06	BILL	05/25/06-06/26/06	6181R	65.4	96.94	995.41

TOTAL ACCOUNT BALANCE

\$995.41

THE ABOVE ACCOUNT BALANCE DOES NOT REFLECT ANY BUDGET OR PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS 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

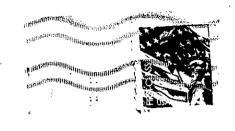
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