

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

In the Matter of Laclede Gas Company's	)	
Application for Authority to Issue and Sell	)	
First Mortgage Bonds, Unsecured Debt and	)	File No. GF-2015-0181
Preferred Stock, and to Issue Common	)	
Stock and Receive Capital Contributions.	)	

**RESPONSE TO ORDER**

**COMES NOW** the Office of the Public Counsel (Public Counsel) and for its Response to the Commission's Order of June 18, 2015, states as follows:

1. In reaction to Staff's recommendation to reduce Laclede Gas Company's financing authority (Doc. No. 6), a recommendation with which Public Counsel concurs (Doc. No. 8), Laclede Gas filed a Motion to Extend Current Financing Authority until the resolution of the above-captioned matter (Doc. No. 9).
2. Public Counsel has no objection to Laclede Gas' request, which will preserve the *status quo*. To the extent Staff's recommendation is predicated on Laclede's failure to utilize previously authorized financing authority, and further, to the extent Laclede takes sudden action in the time of any extension to utilize such authority more fully, such facts and circumstances can be seen by the Commission for what they are at any hearing in this matter and do not alone merit, in Public Counsel's opinion, deviation from the *status quo* while the above-captioned matter is pending resolution.

**WHEREFORE**, Public Counsel respectfully responds to the Commission's Order of June 18, 2015, that it does not object to Laclede Gas' pending motion.

Respectfully submitted,

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