



FORM 11-K

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[  $\times$  ] ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the fiscal year ended October 31, 2010

OR

[	] TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 15(d) EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934	OF THE	SECURITIES
For	the transition period from to		
	Commission file number 1-16681		

MISSOURI NATURAL GAS DIVISION OF LACLEDE GAS COMPANY WAGE DEFERRAL SAVINGS PLAN

THE LACLEDE GROUP, INC. 720 OLIVE STREET ST. LOUIS, MO 63101

#### Financial Statements and Exhibit

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Consent of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

#### SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Company has duly caused this annual report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

> MISSOURI NATURAL GAS DIVISION OF LACLEDE GAS COMPANY WAGE DEFERRAL SAVINGS PLAN

(Registrant)

Richard A. Skau Senior Vice President-

Human Resources

Date: February 8, 2011

## MISSOURI NATURAL GAS DIVISION OF LACLEDE GAS COMPANY WAGE DEFERRAL SAVINGS PLAN

Employer Identification Number: 43-0368139 Plan Number: 014

Financial Statements – Modified Cash Basis as of and for the Years Ended October 31, 2010 and 2009, Supplemental Schedule as of October 31, 2010 and Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm



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Certain Supplemental Schedules required by the rules and regulations of the Department of Labor are omitted because of the absence of conditions under which they are required.



## Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

401(k) Investment Review Committee and Missouri Natural Gas Wage Deferral Savings Plan Committee Missouri Natural Gas Division of Laclede Gas Company Wage Deferral Savings Plan St. Louis, Missouri

We have audited the accompanying statements of net assets available for benefits (modified cash basis) of Missouri Natural Gas Division of Laclede Gas Company Wage Deferral Savings Plan as of October 31, 2010 and 2009, and the related statements of changes in net assets available for benefits (modified cash basis) for the years then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Plan's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. Our audits also included examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management and evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

As described in Note 1, these financial statements and supplemental schedule were prepared on a modified cash basis of accounting, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the net assets available for benefits (modified cash basis) of Missouri Natural Gas Division of Laclede Gas Company Wage Deferral Savings Plan as of October 31, 2010 and 2009, and the changes in its net assets available for benefits (modified cash basis) for the years then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

The accompanying supplemental schedule of assets (held at end of year) is presented for the purpose of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements, but is supplementary information required by the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974. This supplemental schedule is the responsibility of the Plan's management. The supplemental schedule has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statement taken as a whole.

BKD, LLP

St. Louis, Missouri February 8, 2011

Federal Employer Identification Number: 44-0160260



## MISSOURI NATURAL GAS DIVISION OF LACLEDE GAS COMPANY WAGE DEFERRAL SAVINGS PLAN

# STATEMENTS OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS - MODIFIED CASH BASIS OCTOBER 31, 2010 AND 2009

	<u>2010</u>	2009
INVESTMENTS	\$ 6,923,436	\$ 5,802,063
NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS	\$ 6,923,436	\$ 5,802,063

See notes to financial statements.

## MISSOURI NATURAL GAS DIVISION OF LACLEDE GAS COMPANY WAGE DEFERRAL SAVINGS PLAN

STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS - MODIFIED CASH BASIS YEARS ENDED OCTOBER 31, 2010 AND 2009

	<u>2010</u>		2009
ADDITIONS:			
CONTRIBUTIONS:			
Employer	\$ 145,300	\$	143,025
Employee	 332,967		345,369
	 478,267		488,394
INVESTMENT INCOME/(LOSS):			
Interest and dividends	89,621		86,292
Net appreciation/(depreciation) in fair value of investments	703,690		(381,412)
	793,311		(295,120)
TOTAL ADDITIONS	 1,271,578		193,274
DEDUCTIONS:			
ADMINISTRATIVE FEES	1,500		945
DISTRIBUTIONS TO PARTICIPANTS	127,300		197,636
NET TRANSFERS TO OTHER PLANS	21,405		13,503
TOTAL DEDUCTIONS	150,205		212,084
INCREASE/(DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS	1,121,373		(18,810)
NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS:			
BEGINNING OF YEAR	5,802,063		5,820,873
END OF YEAR	\$ 6,923,436	\$	5,802,063

See notes to financial statements.

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DIVISION OF LACLEDE GAS COMPANY
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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – MODIFIED CASH BASIS YEARS ENDED OCTOBER 31, 2010 AND 2009

#### 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Accounting – The accompanying financial statements of the Missouri Natural Gas Division of Laclede Gas Company Wage Deferral Savings Plan (the "Plan") have been prepared on the basis of cash receipts and disbursements ("modified cash basis"), except that investments in securities reflect fair market value. The modified cash basis is not in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America but is an acceptable method of reporting under the requirements of the Department of Labor.

Fair Value of Plan Assets – Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) Topic 820 defines fair value as the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. Topic 820 also establishes a fair value hierarchy which requires a plan to maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs when measuring fair value. The standard describes three levels of inputs that may be used to measure fair value:

- **Level 1** Quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities
- Level 2 Observable inputs other than Level 1 prices, such as quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities; quoted prices in markets that are not active; or other inputs that are observable or can be corroborated by observable market data for substantially the full term of the assets or liabilities
- Level 3 Unobservable inputs that are supported by little or no market activity and that are significant to the fair value of the assets or liabilities

A description of the valuation methodologies used for assets measured at fair value on a recurring basis and recognized in the accompanying Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits, as well as the general classification of such assets pursuant to the valuation hierarchy is included in Note 3.

*Investment Valuation and Income Recognition* – The Plan's investments in the various funds are stated at the market value of the underlying assets, as determined by quoted market prices. Purchases and sales of securities are

recorded on a trade-date basis. Participant loans are valued at the outstanding loan balance. Interest and dividend income are recorded when received.

Use of Estimates – The preparation of financial statements on the modified cash basis requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of additions and deductions during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

The investment funds consist of various securities including mutual funds, common and collective trusts and company stock in The Laclede Group, Inc., the parent company of Laclede Gas Company. Investment securities, in general, are exposed to various risks, such as interest rate, credit, and overall market volatility. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities, it is reasonably possible that changes in the values of investment securities will occur in the near term and that such changes could materially affect the amounts reported in the statements of net assets available for benefits.

**Administrative Expenses** – The cost of the Plan administration is paid by Laclede Gas Company (the "Company"), the Plan sponsor. Participants bear the cost of some individual transactions such as loan fees, dividend pass-through checks, overnight check fees, purchase of Company stock, etc.

**Benefits Payable** – Benefit payments are recorded upon distribution. As of October 31, 2010 and 2009, there were no distributions payable to Plan participants.

#### 2. INFORMATION REGARDING THE PLAN

The following description pertains to the Plan as in effect during the years ended October 31, 2010 and 2009 and is provided for informational purposes only. In case of conflict or discrepancy with the Plan text, the Plan text governs.

General – The Plan is a defined contribution plan which covers employees of the Missouri Natural Gas Division of Laclede Gas Company who are members of a collective bargaining unit, provided they meet the prescribed eligibility requirements. Assets of the Plan are maintained in trust with Fidelity Management Trust Company, the Plan trustee and recordkeeper. The Plan is administered by the Missouri Natural Wage Deferral Savings Plan Committee ("Committee") which is a committee appointed by the Laclede Gas Company Board of Directors. The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 ("ERISA").

**Eligibility** – To participate in the Plan, an employee must be a member of a collective bargaining unit of the Missouri Natural Gas Division of Laclede Gas Company, must complete one year of service and must elect to participate as of any November 1 or May 1.

Contributions – Employees elect payroll deductions in 1% increments ranging from 2% through 8% of their annual rate of compensation. Effective with compensation paid on and after April 24, 2009, employee contributions are matched 100% up to 4% of compensation, and employees are permitted to make additional non-matched contributions up to 71% of compensation in any Plan year. Prior to April 24, 2009, employee contributions up to 8% of a participant's compensation were matched one-half by the Company. In addition, each employee was permitted to make additional deposits of up to 67% of compensation in any Plan year. Participants who attain age fifty by each December 31 are permitted to make additional contributions (catch-up contributions) as permitted by the Internal Revenue Code ("IRC"). Participants may change the amount of their contributions frequently, usually effective within one or two payroll cycles.

**Vesting** – Participant and Company matching contributions are immediately 100% vested.

Investment Options - Contributions to the Plan may be invested in one or more of the available investment funds at the option of the employee. A minimum of 1% of the employee's contribution must be directed into each fund selected. Effective October 15, 2009, the Barclays Global Investors (BGI) Equity Index Fund F was replaced by the BGI Equity Index Non-Lendable Fund F and the BGI US Debt Index Fund F was replaced by the BGI US Debt Index Non-Lendable Fund F. In addition, the BGI Russell 2000 Index Non-Lendable Fund F was added to the Plan for new contributions while the Northern Trust Global Investments Russell 2000 Equity Index Fund was frozen. Assets in the Northern Trust Russell 2000 Fund were transferred to a temporary fund, Laclede Gas NT/BGI Non-Lendable Russell 2000 Equity Index Fund which was a blend of the Northern Trust Russell 2000 and the BGI Russell 2000 Funds. Because Northern Trust instituted a staged withdrawal process from that fund, assets could not be moved entirely into the BGI Russell 2000 Fund at once. During the staged withdrawal process, the fund became invested less in Northern Trust and more in BGI. On March 31, 2010, the staged withdrawal process was completed, the balance in the Laclede Gas NT/BGI Non-Lendable Russell 2000 Equity Index Fund was transferred into the BlackRock Non-Lendable Russell 2000 Equity Index Fund – Class F, and the temporary blended fund ceased to exist.

Effective December 1, 2009, Barclays Global Investors, N.A. was acquired by BlackRock, Inc., and the new entity was renamed BlackRock Institutional Trust Company, N.A. ("BTC"). BTC continues to manage the former BGI investment funds, and the former BGI investment funds were renamed to reflect BTC's ownership.

The investment funds available at the end of the 2010 Plan Year were:

- The Laclede Group, Inc. ESOP (also known as Laclede Group, Inc. Common Stock Fund)
- American Funds<sup>®</sup> EuroPacific Growth Fund<sup>®</sup> Class R5
- American Funds<sup>®</sup> The Growth Fund of America<sup>®</sup> Class R5
- BlackRock Equity Index Non-Lendable Fund F
- BlackRock Money Market Fund
- BlackRock US Debt Index Non-Lendable Fund F
- BlackRock Russell 2000 Equity Index Non-Lendable Fund Class F
- Columbia Small Cap Value I Fund Class Z
- JPMorgan Small Cap Growth Fund Class A
- T. Rowe Price Equity Income Fund
- Vanguard Total International Stock Index Fund Investor Shares
- Vanguard Target Retirement Income Fund Investor Shares
- Vanguard Target Retirement 2005 Fund Investor Shares
- Vanguard Target Retirement 2010 Fund Investor Shares
- Vanguard Target Retirement 2015 Fund Investor Shares
- Vanguard Target Retirement 2020 Fund Investor Shares
- Vanguard Target Retirement 2025 Fund Investor Shares
- Vanguard Target Retirement 2030 Fund Investor Share
- Vanguard Target Retirement 2035 Fund Investor Shares
- Vanguard Target Retirement 2040 Fund Investor Shares
- Vanguard Target Retirement 2045 Fund Investor Shares
- Vanguard Target Retirement 2050 Fund Investor Shares

Employee Stock Ownership Plan – The Laclede Group, Inc. Employee Stock Ownership Plan (ESOP) constitutes a portion of the Plan, not a separate plan. Employee contributions are invested directly into the ESOP. A participant may elect to receive dividends on the ESOP shares paid in cash directly to him. The election to receive cash dividends remains in effect until changed by the participant. Dividends not paid in cash to the participant are reinvested in the ESOP under the terms of the Plan.

**Participant Accounts** – In addition to the employee and Company matching contributions, each participant's account is credited with an allocation of Plan earnings or charged with an allocation of Plan losses, based on participant account balances, as defined in the Plan document.

Loans to Participants – Participants may borrow against their individual account balances, a minimum of \$500 up to 50% of their account balance, as long as the loan amount does not exceed \$50,000, less the highest outstanding loan balance over the past 12 months (if any). Loans are taken from investment accounts in the same proportion as the investment funds bear to each other. The maximum repayment period is 234 weeks, except for primary residence loans, which have a maximum repayment period of 494 weeks. Loans are secured by the balance in the participant's account and bear interest

at a rate comparable to the rate charged by commercial lenders for similar loans. Principal and interest are repaid in level payments through payroll deductions. Interest rates on participant loans ranged from 4.25% to 8.75% at October 31, 2010.

Payment of Benefits – Distributions are generally made to participants upon separation from service due to retirement, termination of employment, death, or total and permanent disability. Participants who are at least age 59-1/2 may elect a partial or total distribution from their account. Distributions ordinarily are made in single lump-sum cash payments; however, participants in The Laclede Group, Inc. – ESOP may elect to receive their distribution in the form of shares, with the value of fractional shares distributed in cash. Active employees who suffer a financial hardship and cannot obtain funds from other resources, including a loan from the Plan, may apply for a hardship withdrawal. Hardship withdrawals are subject to approval by the Committee and are limited to the participant's elective deferrals, plus related earnings as of December 31, 1988, less amounts of previous hardship distributions. Employees making hardship withdrawals may not contribute to the Plan until the first payroll date following the expiration of a six month period after receipt of the hardship withdrawal.

Transfers – The accounts for those Participants in the Plan who remain employees of the Company, but who are no longer covered by a collective bargaining agreement, are transferred to the Laclede Gas Company Salary Deferral Savings Plan. The accounts of the Participants who become covered by a collective bargaining agreement for the Laclede Gas Company Division are transferred to the Laclede Gas Company Wage Deferral Savings Plan. Similarly, the accounts of those participants not covered by a collective bargaining agreement, but who later become covered by such an agreement are transferred to the applicable Company defined contribution plan. Such transfers are reflected as a net amount in the included Statements of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits (Modified Cash Basis).

#### 3. INVESTMENTS

The following table presents the fair values of investments that represent 5% or more of the Plan's net assets:

	<u> 2010</u>	<u>2009</u>
The Laclede Group, Inc. – ESOP (also known as Laclede Group, Inc. Common Stock Fund) (37,292.472 and 34,186.943 shares, respectively)	\$1,309,339	\$1,049,881
Laclede Gas NT/BGI Non-Lendable Russell 2000 Equity Index Fund (0.000 and 39,623.602 units, respectively)	-	357,801

BlackRock Russell 2000 Index Non-Lendable Fund Class F (35,320.540 and 0.000 units, respectively)	434,443	-
BlackRock U.S. Debt Index Non-Lendable Fund F (formerly Barclays Global Investors U.S. Debt Index Non- Lendable Fund F) (57,840.266 and 58,437.350 units, respectively)	669,790	626,448
BlackRock Money Market Fund (formerly Barclays Global Investors Money Market Fund)(1,023,557.130 and 1,021,493.650 units, respectively)	1,023,557	1,021,494
BlackRock Equity Index Non-Lendable Fund – F (formerly Barclays Global Investo Equity Index Non-Lendable Fund F) (120,803.998 and 121,241.749 units, respectively)	rs 1,976,353	1,702,234

During 2010 and 2009, the Plan's investments (including gains and losses on investments bought, sold, as well as held during the year) appreciated/(depreciated) by \$703,690 and \$(381,412), respectively, as follows:

	<u> 2010</u>	<u> 2009</u>
The Laclede Group, Inc. – ESOP (also known as Laclede Group, Inc. Common Stock Fund)	\$ 154,072	\$ (723,267)
BlackRock Equity Index Non-Lendable Fund – F	277,871	-
BlackRock Russell 2000 Index Non-Lendable Fund Class F	20,231	-
BlackRock U.S. Debt Index Non-Lendable Fund – F	49,383	-
Laclede Gas NT/BTC Non-Lendable Russell 2000 Equity Index Fund	76,053	-

JP Morgan Small Cap Growth Fund – Class A	500	-
Northern Trust Global Investments Russell 2000 Index Fund	-	44,747
Barclays Global Investors Russell 2000 Index Non-Lendable Fund F	-	(137)
Laclede Gas NT/BGI Non-Lendable Russell 2000 Equity Index Fund	-	(38,493)
American Funds® EuroPacific Growth Fund® of America – Class R5	6,724	4,851
American Funds® The Growth Fund of America® – Class R5	10,466	21,539
Barclays Global Investors Equity Index Fund F	-	245,692
Barclays Global Investors Equity Index Non-Lendable Fund F	-	(98,107)
Barclays Global Investors U.S. Debt Index Fund F	-	64,123
Barclays Global Investors U.S. Debt Index Non-Lendable Fund F	-	4,087
Columbia Small Cap Value I Fund - Z	5,534	4,258
T. Rowe Price Equity Income Fund	7,495	12,129
Vanguard Target Retirement 2010 Fund	-	(186)
Vanguard Target Retirement 2015 Fund	25,064	19,770
Vanguard Target Retirement 2020 Fund	26,624	22,392
Vanguard Target Retirement 2025 Fund	19,375	17,604
Vanguard Target Retirement 2030 Fund	9,826	7,588
Vanguard Target Retirement 2035 Fund	10,041	9,774
Vanguard Target Retirement 2040 Fund	307	233

Vanguard Target Retirement 2045 Fund	-	(1)
Vanguard Target Retirement 2050 Fund	296	(8)
Vanguard Retirement Income Fund	3,828	
Total Appreciation/(Depreciation)	\$ 703,690	\$ (381,412)

The table below presents the fair value measurements of assets recognized in the accompanying Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits measured at fair value on a recurring basis and the level within the fair value hierarchy in which the fair value measurements fall at October 31, 2010 and 2009.

Where quoted market prices are available in an active market, securities are classified within Level 1 of the valuation hierarchy. Level 1 securities include mutual funds and The Laclede Group, Inc. common stock (held in the ESOP). If quoted market prices are not available, then fair values are estimated by using pricing models, quoted prices of securities with similar characteristics or discounted cash flows. Level 2 securities include investments in common and collective trusts (CCTs). In certain cases where Level 1 or Level 2 inputs are not available, securities are classified within Level 3 of the hierarchy. Participant loans are classified as Level 3 securities.

		Fair Value Measurements Using			
		Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets	Significant Other Observable Inputs	Significant Unobservable Inputs	
	Fair Value	(Level 1)	(Level 2)	(Level 3)	
2010					
The Laclede Group ESOP	\$ 1,309,339	\$ 1,309,339			
Mutual Funds	\$ 1,243,584	\$ 1,243,584			
Common Collective Trusts	\$ 4,104,143		\$ 4,104,143		
Participant Loans	\$ 266,370			\$ 266,370	
2009					
The Laclede Group ESOP	\$ 1,049,881	\$ 1,049,881			
Mutual Funds	\$ 847,076	\$ 847,076			
Common Collective Trusts	\$ 3,709,994		\$ 3,709,994		
Participant Loans	\$ 195,112			\$ 195,112	

The following is a reconciliation of the beginning and ending balances of recurring fair value measurements recognized in the accompanying

Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits using significant unobservable (Level 3) inputs (participant loans):

	2010	2009
Balance at beginning of year	\$ 195,112	\$ 190,062
Loan proceeds less repayments	71,258	5,050
Balance at end of year	\$ 266,370	\$ 195,112

#### 4. TAX STATUS

The Plan's application for a new determination letter was filed on December 28, 2009. The Plan obtained its latest determination letter dated June 5, 2003, in which the Internal Revenue Service stated that the Plan, as then designed, was in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC. A request for a compliance statement under the voluntary compliance program was submitted to the Internal Revenue Service on July 22, 2010 due to the trustee's failure to follow the Plan's existing loan provisions, and the Plan document was amended to reflect the trustee's operational loan process. The Internal Revenue Service previously issued a compliance statement in response to a separate filing by the Committee for voluntary compliance. The compliance statement dated December 15, 2006 constitutes an enforcement resolution with respect to the failure to timely amend the Plan. The Plan administrator believes that the Plan is designed and is being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC and that, as of October 31, 2010, the Plan continues to qualify under Section 401(a) of the IRC. As such, the Plan will not be subject to tax under income tax laws, and contributions and earnings will not be taxable to participants until such amounts are withdrawn or received in a distribution. Therefore, no provision for income taxes has been included in the Plan's financial statements. The Plan is no longer subject to U.S. Federal tax examinations by tax authorities for years before 2006.

#### 5. PLAN TERMINATION

Although it has not expressed any intent to do so, the Company has the right under the Plan to discontinue its contributions at any time and to terminate the Plan subject to the provisions set forth in ERISA.

#### 6. RELATED PARTIES

At October 31, 2010 and 2009, the Plan held 37,292.472 and 34,186.943 shares, respectively, of common stock of The Laclede Group, Inc., the parent of the sponsoring employer, with a market basis of \$1,309,339 and \$1,049,881, respectively. During the years ended October 31, 2010 and 2009, the Plan received dividend income related to this common stock of \$55,878 and \$51,746, respectively.

#### MISSOURI NATURAL GAS DIVISION OF LACLEDE GAS COMPANY WAGE DEFERRAL SAVINGS PLAN

SCHEDULE OF ASSETS (HELD AT END OF YEAR) - MODIFIED CASH BASIS (FORM 5500)
OCTOBER 31, 2010

(a)	(b) Identity of issue, borrower, lessor or similar party	(c)  Description of investment including maturity date, rate of interest, collateral, par or maturity value	(d) Cost	(e) Current Value
*	The Laclede Group, Inc ESOP	Company stock fund (37,292.472 shares)		\$ 1,309,339
	BlackRock Equity Index Non-Lendable Fund - F	Common/collective trust (120,803.998 units)		1,976,353
	BlackRock Money Market Fund	Common/collective trust (1,023,557.130 units)		1,023,557
	BlackRock Russell 2000 Index Non-Lendable Fund Class F	Common/collective trust (35,320.540 units)		434,443
	BlackRock U. S. Debt Index Non-Lendable Fund - F	Common/collective trust (57,840.266 units)		669,790
	T. Rowe Price Equity Income Fund	Mutual Fund (3,238.745 shares)		71,382
	Columbia Small Cap Value I Fund - Class Z	Mutual Fund (1,019.169 shares)		43,488
	Vanguard Target Retirement 2015 Fund	Mutual Fund (21,783.901 shares)		268,378
	Vanguard Target Retirement 2020 Fund	Mutual Fund (11,558.150 shares)		251,926
	Vanguard Target Retirement 2025 Fund	Mutual Fund (14,734.908 shares)		181,681
	Vanguard Target Retirement 2030 Fund	Mutual Fund (3,933.704 shares)		82,686
	Vanguard Target Retirement 2035 Fund	Mutual Fund (5,754.778 shares)		72,798
	Vanguard Target Retirement 2040 Fund	Mutual Fund (149.624 shares)		3,102
	Vanguard Target Retirement 2050 Fund	Mutual Fund (173.875 shares)		3,617
	Vanguard Target Retirement Income Fund	Mutual Fund (8,398.198 shares)		95,152
	JP Morgan Small Cap Growth Fund - Class A	Mutual Fund (513.566 shares)		5,059
	American Funds® EuroPacific Growth Fund® - Class R5	Mutual Fund (1,794.098 shares)		73,558
	American Funds® The Growth Fund of America® - Class R5	Mutual Fund (3,126.308 shares)		90,757
*	Loans to Participants	Loans to participants Interest rate 4.25% - 8.75%		 266,370
		Tot	al	\$ 6,923,436

<sup>\*</sup> Party-in-interest.



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### **Consent of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm**

We consent to the incorporation by reference in the Registration Statement (Form S-8 No. 333-90248) pertaining to the Missouri Natural Gas Division of Laclede Gas Company Wage Deferral Savings Plan, of our report dated February 8, 2011, with respect to the financial statements of the Missouri Natural Gas Division of Laclede Gas Company Wage Deferral Savings Plan included in this Annual Report (Form 11-K) for the year ended October 31, 2010.

BKD, LLP

St. Louis, Missouri February 8, 2011

