

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

The Office of the Public Counsel,	)	
	)	
Complainant,	)	
	)	
v.	)	<b><u>Case No. GC-2006-0431</u></b>
	)	
Laclede Gas Company,	)	
	)	
Respondent.	)	

**ORDER DIRECTING RESPONSE TO PUBLIC COUNSEL'S  
MOTION TO CONSOLIDATE**

Issue Date: May 15, 2006

Effective Date: May 15, 2006

On May 11, 2006, the Office of the Public Counsel filed this complaint against Laclede Gas Company. Along with its complaint, Public Counsel filed a motion asking that its new complaint be consolidated with the Staff complaint against Laclede that is pending in Case Number GC-2006-0318. Before acting on that motion, the Commission will give the parties an opportunity to state their positions on the proposed consolidation of the two complaints.

**IT IS ORDERED THAT:**

1. Any party wishing to respond to the Office of the Public Counsel's motion to consolidate this case with Case Number GC-2006-0318 shall do so no later than May 22, 2006.

2. This order shall become effective on May 15, 2006.

**BY THE COMMISSION**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Colleen M. Dale', written over a horizontal line.

Colleen M. Dale  
Secretary

(S E A L)

Morris L. Woodruff, Deputy Chief Regulatory  
Law Judge, by delegation of authority  
pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,  
on this 15th day of May, 2006.