

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

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

MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO RESPOND

COMES NOW the Staff of the Commission and request an extension of two days to Respond to the Commission's May 15, 2005 Order Directing Response to Public Counsel's Motion to Consolidate.

1. On May 15, 2006 the Commission issued its Order Directing Response to the Public Counsel's Motion to Consolidate indicating that any party wishing to respond do so by May 22, 2006.

2. The Staff intends to respond to the Motion to Consolidate and requests an additional two days, until May 24, to respond.

3. Staff has asked OPC and Laclede and neither object to this request.

4. No party will be prejudiced by granting Staff's request.

WHEREFORE, Staff requests that the Commission grant Staff's request for an additional two days, until May 24 to respond to Public Counsel's Motion.

Respectfully submitted,

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