BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

The Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission,)
Complainant,)
V.) <u>Case No. GC-2016-0149</u>
Missouri Gas Energy, an operating unit of Laclede Gas Company))
Respondent.)

MOTION FOR CONTINUANCE

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Staff"), by and through counsel, and for its *Motion for Continuance* in this matter hereby states:

- 1. On April 26, 2016, Staff filed its *Motion for Extension*, stating that Staff needed more time to conduct additional discovery, and to provide an opportunity for the parties to have meaningful discussions regarding the matter.
- 2. The Commission issued an order that same day granting Staff's *Motion for Extension* and requiring Staff to file a response to Laclede's motion for summary determination no later than May 27, 2016.
- 3. MGE and Staff have participated in substantive discussions, and believe they are close to a settlement. However, the parties need additional time to formalize and finalize the agreement.

- 4. Staff requests a continuance from the date of May 27, 2016 to June 16, 2016, to either file a formal Stipulation and Agreement signed by the Company and Staff or to file some other pleading,
- 5. Staff has been notified by MGE that they have no objection to this request for a continuance.

WHEREFORE, Staff respectfully requests that the Commission issue an Order allowing Staff until June 16, 2016, to either file a formal Stipulation and Agreement, a response to Laclede's motion for summary determination, or to file some other pleading.

Respectfully Submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that true and correct copies of the foregoing were served electronically to all counsel of record this 25th day of May, 2016.

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