BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

USW Local 11-6)	
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Complainant,)	
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V.)	
Laclede Gas Company,)	Case No. GC-2006-0390
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Respondent.)	

STAFF PLEADING IN SUPPORT OF LACLEDE GAS COMPANY'S REQUEST TO MAKE A LIVE DEMONSTRATION OF HOW AN AUTOMATED METER READING DEVICE IS INSTALLED

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff) and respectfully submits as follows:

1. Judge Woodruff directed the Parties to file proposed hearing date(s) to finish the Evidentiary Hearing in this case. Staff, after consultation and agreement of all of the Parties, suggests that February 13 and 14, 2007, should be the dates to finish the hearing.

WHEREFORE, Staff requests that the Commission issue an Order setting February 13 and 14, 2007 as the dates to finish the evidentiary hearing in this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand-delivered, or transmitted by facsimile or electronic mail to all counsel of record this 15th day of December 2006.

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