

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

Staff of the Public Service Commission of)	
Missouri,)	
)	
Complainant,)	
v.)	Case No. GC-2006-0318
)	
Laclede Gas Company,)	
)	
Respondent.)	

**REQUEST TO SET DATES FOR A HEARING AND EXTEND
THE FILING DATE FOR PREHEARING BRIEFS
AND STATEMENTS OF POSITION**

COMES NOW Laclede Gas Company (“Laclede” or “Company”) and, with the agreement of the Complainants in this case, being the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission and the Office of the Public Counsel, files this Request to Set the Dates for a Hearing and Extend the Filing Date for Prehearing Briefs and Statements of Position and, in support thereof, states as follows:

1. Based on the progress of settlement discussions in this case, on October 9, 2006, Staff filed a unanimous request to extend the hearing and briefing dates herein. By order dated October 10, the Commission postponed the hearing and rescheduled prehearing briefs for October 16.

2. During the week of October 9, Laclede and Complainants have continued to hold settlement discussions, and believe that they are making progress toward resolution of these cases. These parties intend to further pursue settlement discussions in the upcoming week.

3. In the event a settlement is not reached, Laclede and the Complainants request that Commission schedule the hearing in this case for November 9, 2006, and set October 24, 2006, as the filing date for prehearing briefs and statements of position.

4. Laclede is authorized to represent that Complainants concur with the relief sought herein.

WHEREFORE, Laclede respectfully requests that the Commission schedule the hearing in this case for November 9, 2006, and grant all parties to this case an extension until October 24, 2006, to file their prehearing briefs and position statements.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Certificate of Service

The undersigned certifies that a true and correct copy of the foregoing pleading was served on the General Counsel of the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission, the Office of Public Counsel, and USW Local No. 11-6, on this 13th day of October, 2006 by United States mail, hand-delivery, email, or facsimile.

/s/ Rick Zucker