

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

Joseph Schneider,)	
)	
Complainant,)	
)	
v.)	Case No. GC-2008-0159
)	
Laclede Gas Company,)	
)	
Respondent.)	

**PUBLIC COUNSEL’S REQUEST FOR AN
EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE A RESPONSE**

COMES NOW the Missouri Office of the Public Counsel and for its Request for Extension states:

1. The Office of the Public Counsel does not typically file pleadings in *pro se* complaint cases since Public Counsel does not represent individual complainants before the Commission. However, when a complaint raises issues that potentially harm all ratepayers, Public Counsel is compelled by §386.710(2) RSMo 2000 to represent the public’s interest in the proceeding.

2. Public Counsel has concerns with Laclede’s method of estimating usage in this case. Public Counsel sent a series of Data Request questions to Laclede Gas Company on December 28, 2007. Public Counsel requests that the Commission grant Public Counsel additional time to file a follow-up response to the Staff’s Recommendation once Laclede has answered the questions included in Data Request 1. Laclede’s twenty-day response to Data Request 1 is due January 17, 2007. Assuming

Laclede will submit its answers timely, Public Counsel requests that the Commission give Public Counsel until January 25, 2007 to file its follow-up response.

WHEREFORE, the Office of the Public Counsel respectfully requests additional time to file an additional follow-up response.

Respectfully submitted,

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