

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of Laclede Gas Company's)	
Tariffs to Revise Natural Gas Rate)	Case No. GR-2010-0171
Schedules.)	

PARTIES MOTION FOR CONTINUANCE OF ORAL ARGUMENT

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff), and with the agreement of Laclede Gas Company and the Office of the Public Counsel, submits its *Motion for Continuance of Oral Argument* as follows:

1. Oral Argument on the issue of whether Laclede Holding Company and Laclede Energy Resources is scheduled for 10 am on June 10, 2010.
2. Parties are engaged in meetings during Technical/Settlement conference which are occurring this week.
3. It became apparent this morning that a global settlement in this rate case is possible, if not likely.
4. Staff, Laclede and OPC attorneys and witnesses are currently gathered at the Commission to discuss resolution of this case and suggest that their time may be spent more productively in negotiations rather than preparing for oral argument. Additionally, we will not waste the Commission's time on argument of an issue which may not need to be decided.
5. If negotiations fail, oral argument may be rescheduled immediately.

WHEREFORE, Counsel for Staff, on behalf of Laclede Gas and OPC respectfully requests the Commission continue the oral argument until resolution of the case is reached or it becomes apparent negotiations will not result in a global settlement.

Respectfully submitted,

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