

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

Staff of the Public Service Commission of Missouri,)	
)	
Complainant,)	
)	
v.)	<u>Case No. GC-2006-0318, et al.</u>
)	
Laclede Gas Company,)	
)	
Respondent.)	

ORDER GRANTING EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE TESTIMONY AND
DIRECTING THE PARTIES TO FILE A REVISED PROCEDURAL
SCHEDULE

Issue Date: June 21, 2006

Effective Date: June 21, 2006

The procedural schedule for this case, as previously modified, requires the United Steelworkers of America, Local No. 11-6, AFL-CIO, the Commission's Staff, and the Office of the Public Counsel to file their direct testimony by June 23, 2006. On June 20, Public Counsel filed a motion asking that the date for the filing of direct testimony be extended until July 21. The motion represents that all other parties have been contacted about the requested extension of time and that none object. Given the agreement of the parties, the Commission will grant the requested extension.

This matter is currently set for hearing on September 18 and 19. The delay in filing direct testimony calls into question the viability of the remaining procedural schedule. And indeed, Public Counsel's motion indicates that further revisions to the procedural schedule will be needed. The Commission notes that its upcoming hearing schedule is very

crowded. If the parties want to change the hearing dates, they will need to do so promptly so that the currently reserved hearing dates can be freed for other matters, and so that alternative dates can be reserved for the hearing of this case. Therefore, the Commission will direct the parties to submit a revised procedural schedule by July 3.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. The Office of the Public Counsel's Motion to Extend Procedural Schedule is granted.
2. The parties shall submit a revised procedural schedule by July 3, 2006.
3. This order shall become effective on June 21, 2006.

BY THE COMMISSION



Colleen M. Dale
Secretary

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Morris L. Woodruff, Deputy Chief Regulatory
Law Judge, by delegation of authority pursuant
to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 21st day of June, 2006.