

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

Norman Harrold,)	
)	
Complainant,)	
v.)	Case No. GC-2007-0311
)	
Laclede Gas Company,)	
Respondent.)	

LACLEDE GAS COMPANY’S MOTION TO FILE ANSWER OUT OF TIME

COMES NOW Laclede Gas Company (“Laclede” or “Company”) and files this motion seeking permission to file its answer to the complaint in this case out of time, and in support thereof, Laclede states as follows:

1. Pursuant to the Commission’s February 23, 2007 Notice of Complaint, Laclede’s answer in the above captioned case was due on March 26, 2007. Due to the press of business, Laclede failed to file the pleading on time.
2. Laclede avers that the answer filed contemporaneously herewith is only two days late, and that no party is prejudiced by this late filing.
3. Laclede apologizes for any inconvenience caused by this late filing.

WHEREFORE, Laclede respectfully requests that the Commission permit Laclede to file its answer to the complaint in this case today, two days out of time.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that the foregoing pleading has been duly served upon the Complainant, the General Counsel of the Staff of the Public Service Commission and the Office of the Public Counsel by email, facsimile, or by regular mail, postage prepaid, on this 28th day of March, 2007.

/s/ Gerry Lynch
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