

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the PGA Filing for Laclede)
Gas Company.) **Case No. GR-2004-0273**

ORDER GRANTING EXTENSION OF TIME

Issue Date: November 21, 2006

Effective Date: November 21, 2006

On May 19, 2006, the parties unanimously submitted a proposed procedural schedule in this matter. That schedule set out the following proposed schedule in part:

Surrebuttal Testimony of all parties	November 21, 2006
List of Issues, Order of Witnesses and Cross-Examination	November 29, 2006
Prehearing Briefs and Statements of Position	December 11, 2006
Evidentiary Hearings	December 18-19, 2006

The Commission adopted the proposed procedural schedule with the exception of the hearing dates. Because the dates proposed for the evidentiary hearing were not available on the Commission's calendar, the next available dates were set – January 29-30, 2007.

On November 17, 2006, Laclede Gas Company filed a motion for modification of the remaining procedural schedule. Laclede requests that the Commission extend the filing date for surrebuttal testimony to December 8, 2006, and also requests an extension for the list of issues and statements of position.

The Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission filed an objection on November 20, 2006. Staff opposes the modification of the date for filing surrebuttal testimony stating that after the surrebuttal is filed, it will submit Data Requests to Laclede and may want to depose one of Laclede's witness. Staff believes that with the upcoming holidays, it may not have sufficient time to complete discovery if the request is granted.

The Commission has reviewed the request for an extension and Staff's response. The Commission finds that although the hearing date is not immediate, it will be difficult to schedule depositions and other discovery matters during the upcoming holidays. The Commission is also mindful, however, that the parties originally agreed to a much more expedited schedule for completing its discovery before hearing. Thus, the Commission determines that a short extension of time for the filing of surrebuttal is reasonable and shall be granted. In addition, the Commission shall extend the dates for filing the list of issues and position statements as requested.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. Laclede Gas Company's Motion to Modify Procedural Schedule filed on November 17, 2006, is granted in part.

2. That the procedural schedule in this matter shall be modified as follows:

Surrebuttal Testimony	November 30, 2006
List of Issues, Order of Witnesses and Order of Cross-examination	December 18, 2006
Statements of Position	January 11, 2007

3. This order shall become effective on November 21, 2006.

BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Colleen M. Dale', written over a horizontal line.

Colleen M. Dale
Secretary

(S E A L)

Nancy Dippell, 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 November, 2006.