

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

Margaret Scott,	)	
	)	
Complainant,	)	
v.	)	<b><u>File No. GC-2015-0284</u></b>
	)	
Laclede Gas Company,	)	
	)	
Respondent	)	

**ORDER GRANTING MOTION  
TO PERMIT LATE-FILED ANSWER**

Issue Date: June 10, 2015

Effective Date: June 10, 2015

On May 5, 2015, the Commission issued notice of this complaint and directed that Laclede Gas Company respond to the complaint no later than June 4, 2015. On June 8, with a motion to permit its late filing, Laclede filed its answer.

In its motion, Laclede explains that the notice was sent electronically on May 5, but that it arrived encrypted. The paper version was received by mail on May 11. As a result, Laclede mistakenly believed the response was due on June 10, rather than June 4.

Commission rule 4 CSR 240-2.050 (3)(B) allows the Commission to accept Laclede's late-filed answer when the failure to act timely was due to excusable neglect or other good cause shown. The Commission concludes that Laclede has shown excusable neglect and will grant the company's motion.

**THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:**

1. Laclede Gas Company's motion to accept its late-filed answer is granted.

2. This order shall be effective when issued.



**BY THE COMMISSION**

*Morris L. Woodruff*

Morris L. Woodruff  
Secretary

Kennard L. Jones, Senior Regulatory  
Law Judge, by delegation of authority  
pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,  
on this 10th day of June, 2015.