

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

The Office of the Public Counsel,)	
)	
Complainant,)	
)	
v.)	<u>Case No. GC-2006-0431</u>
)	
Laclede Gas Company,)	
)	
Respondent.)	

ORDER EXTENDING TIME TO RESPOND

Issue Date: May 23, 2006

Effective Date: May 23, 2006

The Office of the Public Counsel has filed a motion asking the Commission to consolidate this case with Case Number GC-2006-0318. The Commission directed the parties to respond to the motion to consolidate by May 22, 2006. On May 22, the Staff of the Commission filed a motion asking that the time for responses be extended to May 24. Staff's motion represents that neither Laclede, nor Public Counsel, object to the proposed extension of time.

Staff's motion is reasonable and is not opposed by any party. The motion for extension of time to respond will be granted.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. Staff's Motion for Extension of Time to Respond is granted.
2. Any party wishing to respond to the Office of the Public Counsel's motion to consolidate shall do so no later than May 24, 2006.

3. This order shall become effective on May 23, 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)

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 23rd day of May, 2006.