

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

In the Matter of the Application of)	
Laclede Gas Company for a Temporary)	
Variance from Certain Portions of Rule)	
10.A of its Tariff Regarding meter Testing)	Case No. GE-2005-0405
in Connection with its Implementation of)	
An Automated Meter Reading Program.)	

**ISSUES LIST, ORDER OF WITNESSES, ORDER OF CROSS, AND
ORDER OF OPENING STATEMENTS**

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff), and submits the above-referenced items pursuant to the Commission's order dated March 17, 2006:

1. On May 10, 2005, Laclede Gas Company (Laclede) filed its verified application for a temporary variance from the statistical sampling requirements of its meter testing program. Laclede sought the variance from the effective date through calendar year 2006.

2. On June 15, 2005, Staff filed its memorandum recommending that the Commission approve the variance. USW Local 11-6 (Local 11-6) filed its motion to intervene on June 20, 2005, and its statement in opposition to the variance on February 3, 2006.

3. Although the parties have differing views regarding the validity and propriety of the issue that has been raised regarding the temporary variance requested by Laclede, this issue is stated as follows:

Whether good cause exists for Laclede's request for a temporary variance to replace designated non-AMR-compatible meters in lieu of meter sampling. More specifically, whether a temporary variance from the statistical meter sampling

program will satisfy the objectives of the meter sampling program and the underlying regulation, or is otherwise justified.

4. The order of witnesses will be:
 - a. Laclede: Patrick Seamands
 - b. Staff: Daniel Fitzpatrick; Gay Fred
 - c. Local 11-6: (Will be supplied separately by Local 11-6)
5. The order of cross-examination will be:
 - a. Laclede witnesses: Staff, OPC, Local 11-6;
 - b. Staff witnesses: Laclede, OPC, Local 11-6;
 - c. Local 11-6 witnesses: OPC, Staff, Laclede.
6. The order of opening statements will be: Laclede, Staff, OPC, and Local 11-6.
7. Staff is authorized to represent that Laclede, Local 11-6 and OPC all concur in this pleading.

Respectfully submitted,

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