

**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)	GE-2005-0405
testing in connection with its implementation of)	
an automated meter reading program)	

PROPOSED PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

COMES NOW Laclede Gas Company (“Laclede” or “Company”), the United Steelworkers of America Local No. 11-6, AFL-CIO (“Local 11-6”), the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Staff”), and the Office of the Public Counsel (“Public Counsel”) (collectively, the “Filing Parties”) and, for a Proposed Procedural Schedule, state as follows:

1. On January 24, 2006, the Commission issued an Order Granting Intervention, Directing Filing, and Setting Procedural Conference. In the Order, the Commission directed Local No. 11-6 to file a position statement by February 3, 2006. The Order stated that, if Local 11-6’s position opposed Laclede’s requested variance, a procedural conference would be conducted on February 6, 2006, and further directed the parties to file a proposed procedural schedule no later than February 14, 2006.

2. On February 3, 2006, Local 11-6 filed its Statement of Position opposing the variance requested by Laclede in this case. On February 6, 2006, the parties participated in a procedural conference.

3. Based on the discussions at the procedural conference, the Filing Parties propose that direct testimony be presented at the hearing, and that closing statements be presented to the Commission at the conclusion of the hearing. The Filing Parties further propose the following procedural schedule:

Issues List, Order of Witnesses,
and Order of Cross-Examination

March 28, 2006

Position Statements

March 30, 2006

Hearing

April 4, 2006

WHEREFORE, the Filing Parties respectfully request the Commission adopt the procedural schedule proposed herein.

Respectfully Submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned certifies that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Proposed Procedural Schedule was served on the Office of Public Counsel and the United Steelworkers of America Local No. 11-6, AFL-CIO on this 14th day of February, 2006 by hand-delivery, email, fax or by placing a copy of such Response, postage prepaid, in the United States mail.

/s/ Rick Zucker

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