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

In the Matter of Laclede Gas Company's ) Verified Application for Authority to Issue and Sell First Mortgage Bonds, Unsecured Debt and Preferred Stock, ) in Connection with a Universal Shelf Registration Statement, ) File No. GF-2009-0450 to Issue Common Stock and Receive Capital Contributions, ) to issue or accept Private Placement Securities, and to Enter Into Capital Leases, all in a Total Amount Not to Exceed \$600 Million

## SCHEDULING ORDER AND NOTICE OF HEARING

Issue Date: February 8, 2010

Effective Date: February 8, 2010

The Missouri Public Service Commission is setting the procedural schedule and

giving notice of an evidentiary hearing on the merits of the application. On February 5,

2010, Laclede Gas Company and the Commission's staff jointly filed recommendations

as to the procedural schedule. Therefore, the Commission will adopt that schedule.

## THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The following schedule is adopted.

Event	Party	Date
Direct Testimony Filed	All Parties	February 23, 2010
Rebuttal Testimony Filed	All Parties	March 16, 2010
Issues List, Order of Witnesses and Cross-Examination	Joint	March 24, 2010
Statements of Positions	All Parties	March 30, 2010
Evidentiary Hearing	All Parties	April 8, 2010
Post-Hearing Briefs	All Parties	April 23, 2010

2. Workpapers will be submitted within one business day of filing direct testimony and will include all calculations, along with studies and documents cited in direct testimony.

3. Between March 16, 2010, (the filing date of rebuttal testimony) and March 26, 2010, the response times to Data Requests (DR) are shortened as follows. Parties shall object to DRs within 3 days but not less than 2 business days. Parties shall respond to DRs within 6 days.

4. The evidentiary hearing will begin at 9:00 A.M. in Room 305 of the Governor Office Building, 200 Madison Street, Jefferson City, Missouri. The hearing will be held in a building that meets accessibility standards required by the Americans with Disabilities Act and any person who needs additional accommodations to participate in the prehearing conference shall contact the Commission before the hearing. Such contact shall be through the Commission's Hotline at 1-800-392-4211 (voice) or Relay Missouri at 711.

5. This order shall become effective immediately on issuance.

BY THE COMMISSION

Alp

Steven C. Reed Secretary

Daniel Jordan, Regulatory Law Judge, by delegation of authority pursuant

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Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri, on this 8<sup>th</sup> day of February 2010.

to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.