

reasons stated in its Motion, Laclede needed additional time to prepare and file its late-filed exhibit ("Late Filed Exhibit 1").

4. The Commission's November 27th Order granted Laclede's Motion accepting the late-filed exhibit and directed "...the parties to file comments regarding the accuracy thereof...no later than December 13, 2013."

5. In order for the Staff to properly evaluate the accuracy of Laclede's Late Filed Exhibit 1, the Staff has engaged in further discovery, issuing several Data Requests ("DRs"). Laclede's Responses to Staff's DRs are due December 18, 2013.

6. As a result of the press of year-end business around the holiday and the need for additional time for the Staff to thoroughly evaluate Laclede's responses to its DRs and for Staff to prepare informed comments on the accuracy of the financial information contained in Late Filed Exhibit 1, the Staff moves the Commission grant it an extension of time to no later than December 30, 2013, to file its comments or a status report.

WHEREFORE, for the above-stated reasons, the Staff prays the Commission grant it an extension of time to no later than December 30, 2013 to file either its comments on the accuracy of Laclede's Late Filed Exhibit 1 or a status report indicating when it will be able to file its comments.

Respectfully Submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that true and correct copies of the foregoing were served electronically to all counsel of record this 11th day of December, 2013.

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