

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

The Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission,)
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 Complainant,)
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 v.)
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 Laclede Gas Company, Laclede Energy Resources and The Laclede Group,)
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 Respondents.)

File No. GC-2011-0098

ORDER GRANTING LEAVE TO AMEND AND ESTABLISHING TIME TO RESPOND TO MOTIONS TO DISMISS

Issue Date: November 12, 2010

Effective Date: November 12, 2010

On October 6, 2010, the Staff of the Commission filed a complaint against Laclede Gas Company, Laclede Energy Resources, and The Laclede Group. The next day, October 7, Staff filed an amended complaint, along with a motion requesting leave to file that amended complaint. Staff's amended complaint contains a more specific prayer for relief, but does not change Staff's allegations against the Respondents.

Laclede Gas Company filed its answer and a motion to dismiss count 2 of the complaint on November 8. On the same day, Laclede Energy Resources and The Laclede Group filed a separate answer and a motion to dismiss Staff's complaint as to those two respondents.

Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.080(15) allows parties not more than ten days in which to respond to any pleading, unless the Commission establishes a different time for

response. None of the respondent's objected to Staff's motion to file an amended complaint. The Commission will grant Staff leave to file its amended complaint.

The Commission will also clarify the time in which parties may respond to the motions to dismiss by establishing a specific date for the filing of such responses.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. Staff's October 7, 2010 Motion to File Amended Complaint is granted.
2. Any party wishing to respond to Laclede Gas Company's Motion to Dismiss Count 2 of the Complaint shall do so no later than November 22, 2010.
3. Any party wishing to respond to the Joint Motion to Dismiss filed by Laclede Energy Resources, Inc., and The Laclede Group, Inc., shall do so no later than November 22, 2010.
4. This order shall become effective immediately upon issuance.

BY THE COMMISSION



Steven C. Reed
Secretary

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Morris L. Woodruff, Chief Regulatory
Law Judge, by delegation of authority
pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 12th day of November, 2010.