BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

The Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission,

Complainant,

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Laclede Gas Company,

Respondent.

File No. GC-2011-0098

ORDER GRANTING STAFF LEAVE TO LATE-FILE ITS RESPONSE TO LACLEDE'S AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES

Issue Date: January 28, 2011 Effective Date: January 28, 2011 On January 26, 2011, the Staff of the Commission filed a motion requesting leave to late-file a response to various affirmative defenses asserted by Laclede Gas Company in a pleading filed on December 10, 2010. Laclede responded on January 27, indicating it does not object to Staff's request. Staff filed its Reply to Laclede's Affirmative Defenses on January 28.

Staff's request for leave to late-file its response is reasonable and is not opposed by any party. The Commission will grant that request.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. Staff's Motion to Late File Response to Laclede's Affirmative Defenses is granted.

2. This order shall become effective immediately upon issuance.

BY THE COMMISSION

Steven C. Reed Secretary

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 28th day of January, 2011.

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