

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

In the Matter of Laclede Gas Company's                    )  
Tariff to Revise Natural Gas Rate Schedules        )       Case No. GR-2010-0171

**MOTION TO SUSPEND PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE**

COME NOW Laclede Gas Company ("Laclede" or "Company"), the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Staff"), the Office of the Public Counsel (OPC); Missouri Energy Group ("MEG"); Missouri Industrial Energy Consumers ("MIEC"); USW Local 11-6 ("Union"); and the Missouri Department of Natural Resources ("MDNR") (the Parties") and move to suspend the procedural schedule in this case. In support, the Parties state:

1. On December 4, 2009, Laclede Gas submitted to the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission") revised tariff sheets reflecting increased rates for gas service provided to customers in its Missouri service area. The proposed tariff sheets contained a requested effective date of January 4, 2010, and were designed to produce a net annual incremental increase of approximately \$52.6 million in permanent rates charged for gas service, exclusive of amounts that were then being collected by the Company through its Infrastructure System Replacement Surcharge ("ISRS"). In addition to the proposed tariff sheets, the Company also submitted its minimum filing requirements and prepared direct testimony in support of its requested rate increase.

2. By Order dated December 10, 2009, the Commission suspended the proposed tariff sheets and established a procedural schedule.

3. On February 1, 2010, the Commission issued its Order Adopting Procedural Schedule and Establishing Test Year.

4. Pursuant to the procedural schedule established by the Commission, a settlement conference was convened beginning on June 7, 2010. As a result of the settlement conference, several Parties reached a Partial Stipulation and Agreement, which was filed on July 23, 2010.

5. After further discussions, the undersigned Parties have reached agreements, which they fully expect to result in a Stipulation and Agreement that resolves all issues in this case.

6. Based on the agreements, which should settle all issues, the signatory Parties respectfully request the Commission suspend the procedural schedule pending filing of a Stipulation and Agreement.

7. The Parties are working toward a Stipulation filing date on or before Tuesday, August 3, 2010.

WHEREFORE, the undersigned Parties respectfully request that the Commission suspend the procedural schedule pending filing of a Stipulation resolving all remaining issues in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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