

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

Charles Engelke,	)	
	)	
Complainant,	)	
	)	
vs.	)	<b><u>Case No. GC-2009-0238</u></b>
	)	
Laclede Gas Company,	)	
	)	
Respondent.	)	

**MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

**COMES NOW** the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff), by and through counsel, and submits its *Motion for Extension of Time* as follows:

1. On December 5, 2008, Charles Engelke (Mr. Engelke or the Complainant) filed a *Complaint* with the Missouri Public Service Commission (the Commission) against Laclede Gas Company (Laclede or the Company).
2. The substance of Mr. Engelke's *Complaint* relates to a piece of rental property owned by the Complainant and found at 3630 California Avenue in St. Louis, Missouri. In his *Complaint* Mr. Engelke disputes the portion of his account balance related to three (3) of the four (4) floors found at the property that is the subject of his *Complaint*.
3. In his *Complaint*, Mr. Engelke makes an offer to settle the claim on his outstanding balance for \$1,800.00.
4. On December 11, 2008, the Commission issued *its Notice of Complaint and Order Directing Staff Investigation and Responses*, directing Laclede to file an

answer by January 12, 2009, and directing Staff to file a report of investigation by February 2, 2009.

5. On January 12, 2009, Laclede filed *Laclede Gas Company's Answer to Complaint (Answer)*, in which the Company denies any unlawful assessment of charges to the Complainant.

6. Although in its *Answer* Laclede states that the Company does not currently have evidence that would warrant consideration of Mr. Engelke's settlement offer, Laclede further states that the Company remains open to new facts that may change its assignment of responsibility for the unauthorized use of gas.

7. Staff is of the belief that the parties are currently engaged in discussions in an attempt to reach an agreeable settlement of this matter. Although Staff remains optimistic that the parties will reach such an agreement, scheduling conflicts between Mr. Engelke and the Company have limited the ability of the parties to reach an agreement prior to the date of which Staff has been directed to issue a recommendation.

**WHEREFORE**, because Staff feels that an extension of time will promote the resolution of this matter, Staff moves that the Commission grant an extension of Staff's recommendation deadline until March 2, 2009.

Respectfully submitted,

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**/s/ Eric Dearmont**