

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

In the Matter of Laclede Gas Company's)	
Tariffs to Revise Natural Gas Rate)	Case No. GR-2007-0208
Schedules.)	

**PARTIES REQUEST TO EXTEND DATE
FOR REBUTTAL TESTIMONY FILING**

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff), on behalf of the Parties to this case that have been active in negotiations and respectfully requests an extension of time to file Rebuttal testimony in this case. On behalf of those Parties, Staff states:

1. On December 1, 2006, Laclede Gas Company filed proposed tariff sheets designed to implement a general rate increase for retail gas service provided in its Missouri territory.

2. In its December 13, 2006 Order the Commission suspended the tariffs and, among other things, ordered Staff to file a pleading indicating its position concerning Laclede's proposed test year.

3. On January 23, 2007, the Commission issued its Order Concerning Test Year and True-Up and Adopting Procedural Schedule.

4. On May 4 and 18, 2007, the Staff, the Office of the Public Counsel, the Missouri Department of Natural Resources, and Missouri Industrial Energy Consumers filed direct testimony.

5. Rebuttal testimony is due on June 22.

6. Pursuant to the Commission's January 23 Order, the Parties to this case participated in a settlement conference from June 4-8, 2007. Following the settlement

conference, the parties have earnestly continued settlement discussions and have made progress on some issues.

7. It is likely that the Parties will settle some of the issues, narrowing the scope of rebuttal testimony, and it is possible that a global settlement on all issues may be reached.

8. So that Parties may concentrate on settlement this week, the Parties request an extension of time, until June 28th to file Rebuttal testimony. The Parties also request an extension of time, until July 18 to file surrebuttal testimony.

9. Since all Parties agree, no one will be prejudiced by this request.

10. If the Commission grants Staff's request, the hearing dates will not change.

WHEREFORE, Staff, on behalf of the Parties, requests the Commission extend the filing date for Rebuttal testimony until June 28, 2007.

Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand-delivered, or transmitted by facsimile or electronic mail to all counsel of record this 19th day of June 2007.

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