# BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of Laclede Gas Company's	)	
Filing of Revised Tariffs to Increase its	)	Case No. GR-2013-0171
Annual Revenues for Natural Gas	)	

# JOINT MOTION TO SUSPEND PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

**COME NOW** Laclede Gas Company ("Laclede"), the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Staff") and the Office of the Public Counsel ("OPC"), and jointly state as follows to the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission"):

- 1. The parties have reached an agreement in principle which would resolve all outstanding matters in this case. Accordingly, the undersigned parties request that the procedural schedule in this matter be suspended, with the exception of the local public hearings which will be held as planned on June 3,4, and 17, 2013, pending the filing of a global settlement agreement. In this regard, the undersigned parties request that all parties be relieved from all requirements pursuant to the ordered procedural schedule as modified or expanded by subsequent orders.
- 2. The parties will file a formal stipulation with the Commission or an update of when they expect to file a formal stipulation by June 3, 2013.
- 3. While the parties believe the resulting stipulation will be viewed as a just and reasonable resolution of the issues in this case, should the Commission conclude otherwise, or the parties are unable to conclude a stipulation and agreement by June 3, 2013, Laclede has agreed that it will voluntarily extend the operation of law date in this case by three (3) months to accommodate a new procedural schedule.
- 4. Counsel for Ameren Missouri, USW Local 11-6, WalMart Stores East, LP, Missouri Department of Natural Resources, Missouri Industrial Energy Consumers, AARP, and

Consumers Council of Missouri have indicated that they do not object to the relief requested herein. Counsel for County of St. Charles, Missouri has also been provided with an advance copy of this motion, but has not indicated support of or opposition to same.

**WHEREFORE**, the signatories respectfully move the Commission to suspend the procedural schedule in this matter, with the exception of the local public hearings which will be held as planned on June 3, 4, and 17, 2013, pending filing of a Stipulation resolving all remaining issues in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

The Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission

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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

The undersigned hereby certifies that a true and accurate copy of the foregoing document was sent via electronic service this 20<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2013 to all parties of record.

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