

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

Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission,)	
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Complainant,)	
)	
v.)	Case No. GC-2006-0318
)	
Laclede Gas Company,)	
)	
Respondent.)	

The Office of the Public Counsel,)	
)	
Complainant,)	
)	
v.)	Case No. GC-2006-0431
)	
Laclede Gas Company,)	
)	
Respondent.)	

MOTION TO EXTEND DIRECT TESTIMONY

COMES NOW the Office of the Public Counsel and for its motion to extend the filing of direct testimony states:

1. On July 19, 2006, Public Counsel, Laclede Gas Company and the Staff met and discussed a possible settlement resolution of this case. These parties were unable to reach a compromise and agreed to request an additional week for filing direct testimony to allow more time for settlement discussions.

2. Public Counsel requests an extension for all parties filing direct testimony from July 21, 2006 to July 28, 2006. The parties agreed that no other modifications are necessary to

the procedural schedule because parties will have sufficient time between July 28, 2006 and September 6, 2006 to prepare rebuttal testimony.

3. Counsel for USW Local 11-6 was not present during the settlement discussion, but expressed to Public Counsel that USW Local 11-6 does not oppose the relief requested in this motion.

WHEREFORE, Public Counsel respectfully requests an extension to the filing of direct testimony.

Respectfully submitted,

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