

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

In the Matter of Laclede Gas Company's Verified)	
Application for Authority to Issue and Sell First)	
Mortgage Bonds, Unsecured Debt and Preferred)	
Stock in Connection with a Universal Shelf)	
Registration Statement, to Issue Common Stock and)	Case No. GF-2009-0450
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Capital Leases, all in a Total Amount Not to)	
Exceed \$600 Million)	

MOTION FOR CONTINUANCE OF EVIDENTIARY HEARING

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission) and for its Motion for Continuance of the Evidentiary Hearing (Motion) scheduled for April 8, 2010 states as follows:

1. In the above-captioned case and pursuant to the Commission's approved procedural schedule, the Laclede Gas Company (Laclede or Company) and the Staff filed direct testimony on February 23, 2010 and rebuttal testimony on March 16, 2010. On March 25, 2010 after seeking a Commission-approved extension the parties filed a joint list of issues.

2. Laclede witness Lynn Rawlings, Treasurer and Assistant Secretary, filed direct testimony and Mark Waltermire, Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, filed rebuttal testimony for Laclede. In his rebuttal testimony, Mr. Waltermire raised additional matters in support of Laclede's direct case. These matters address un-reimbursed expenses, regulatory assets, and margin calls and were not addressed in either Staff witness Zephania Maravangepo's direct testimony or Laclede witness Rawlings' direct testimony.

3. Since these additional matters were not raised in Laclede's direct case, Staff needs the opportunity to inquire into the new matters raised by Mr. Waltermire for the first time in rebuttal.

4. The public interest requires these new issues to be fully developed either prior to or during the evidentiary hearing.

5. Through discussion with Laclede, Staff has been informed of the unavailability of Laclede's witnesses for deposition prior to the April 8th hearing.

6. Rather than developing these issues at hearing, Staff proposes to conduct additional discovery through depositions.

7. The Staff, therefore, moves the Commission to issue an order for continuance of the hearing and resetting the date of the hearing to either April 19, 20, or 21, 2010. Accordingly, the Staff suggests the Commission also reset the date of filing statements of position to April 13, 2010, and the date of filing post hearing briefs to May 14, 2010.

8. To ensure that Laclede may continue to operate under its current authority as provided by the Commission in its February 3rd Order Granting Temporary Financing Authority, the Staff supports extending that authority an additional 30 days to June 15, 2010. This will also provide the Commission sufficient time to issue a final order in this case.

9. Staff counsel has discussed Staff's request to conduct depositions of Ms. Rawlings and Mr. Waltermire on the same date and Laclede counsel has only offered Ms. Rawlings for deposition. Because all witnesses are available on April 8th, the Staff has issued Notices of Deposition and Subpoenas Duces Tecum for April 8, 2010, starting at 10:30am in the Commission's St. Louis offices at 111 N. 7th St., just one block from Laclede's corporate offices.

10. Approval of Staff's requested 12-day continuance creates no harm to Laclede and provides all parties the opportunity to conduct depositions of all witnesses. Furthermore, by allowing Staff additional time to depose both Company witnesses, the conduct of the evidentiary hearing will not be impeded or lengthened due to the need to conduct discovery on the stand that could otherwise be done by deposition.

11. Under Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.110(2), the Commission may order continuance of a hearing for good cause. For the above stated reasons, and because the Company seeks Commission authority for the substantial collateralization of the assets of the regulated public utility, the Staff believes it is in the public interest for the Commission to grant a continuance and that Staff established good cause for the Commission to grant Staff its motion for continuance of the evidentiary hearing.

12. The Staff has discussed this Motion with the Office of the Public Counsel and is authorized to represent that the Public Counsel supports Staff's Motion.

13. Attached to this Motion are copies of the Notices of Deposition and Subpoenas Duces Tecum of Ms. Rawlings and Mr. Waltermire.

WHEREFORE, for the reasons stated above, the Staff respectfully requests the Commission grant its Motion and issue an order approving the continuance of the evidentiary hearing and any other orders it deems just and reasonable.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Robert S. Berlin

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Certificate of Service

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand-delivered, transmitted by facsimile or electronically mailed to all counsel of record this 26th day of March 2010.

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NOTICE OF DEPOSITION

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff) pursuant to Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.090 and Civil Rule 57.03, and gives notice to all parties to this case that it will take the deposition of Ms. Lynn D. Rawlings, Treasurer and Assistant Secretary, Laclede Gas Company, on April 8, 2010, beginning at 1:30 pm, and continuing daily thereafter until completed pursuant to Rule 57.03, at the St. Louis offices of the Commission located at 111 N. 7th St., Room 105, St. Louis, Missouri, 63101, pursuant to this notice and the subpoena issued this day on Laclede Gas Company.

Attached to this Notice are the Staff's Motion For Continuance of Evidentiary Hearing in this matter and the subpoena.

Ms. Rawlings should bring the documents listed in the Subpoena to the deposition. Other interested parties may attend by telephone pursuant to Rule 57.03 and such arrangements can be made.

Respectfully submitted,

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**Order to Produce Documents
Order to Appear for Deposition**



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SERVE: Lynn D. Rawlings
Treasurer and Assistant Secretary
Laclede Gas Company
720 Olive St.
St. Louis, MO 63101

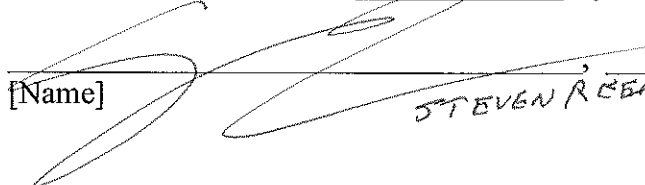
To: Laclede Gas Company, Lynn D. Rawlings, Treasurer and Assistant Secretary, 720 Olive St., St. Louis, MO 63101.

Pursuant to Sections 386.040, 386.250(1) and (7), 386.320.3, 386.390.4, 386.420.2, 386.440(a) and (2), 393.140.8, 393.140.9, 393.140.10, CSR 240-2.100, and Supreme Court Rule 57.03(4), you are hereby commanded to be and appear personally before The Public Service Commission of the State of Missouri or any Commissioner thereof on the 8th day of April, 2010 at 1:30pm o'clock of that day, at the offices of the Commission at 111 N. 7th St., Room 105, St. Louis, Missouri 63101 in the City of St. Louis, in the State of Missouri, to testify concerning, among other things, the direct testimony filed by you in the matter of Commission Case. No. GF-2009-0450. Bring with you and produce at said deposition a copy of your direct testimony and any documents that you relied on in the preparation of your direct testimony, and the current contract for services Laclede Gas Company has with each credit rating agency that currently assigns ratings to Laclede Gas Company and any of the debt issuances of Laclede Gas Company.

Hereof fail not at your peril. The person or officer serving this writ is commanded to have the same at the time and place aforesaid, certifying thereon its return.

Under Rule 57.03(b)(4) Laclede Gas Company has a duty to designate the person or persons who will testify to these matters.

Given under my hand, this 26th day of MARCH, 2010.

 SECRETARY
[Name] STEVEN REEP [Title]

RETURN

I HEREBY CERTIFY that I have served the within writ by reading the same in the presence and hearing of the

within named _____ on the _____ day of _____, _____, in

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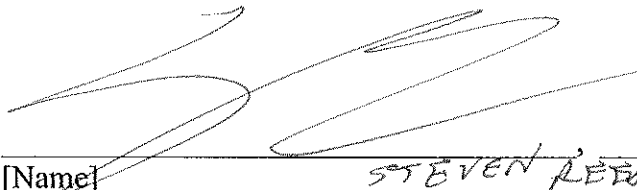
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