OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application of Laclede Gas)	
Company for a Temporary Variance from Certain)	
Portions of Rule 10.A of Its Tariff Regarding Meter)	Case No. GE-2005-0405
Testing in Connection with Its Implementation of)	
an Automated Meter Reading Program.)	

ORDER DIRECTING FILING AND RESETTING TIME FOR HEARING

Issue Date: March 30, 2006 Effective Date: March 30, 2006

The Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission, on behalf of all the parties, has informed Deputy Chief Regulatory Law Judge Dippell that Laclede Gas Company and USW Local 11-6 have reached an agreement to resolve the issues in this case. Laclede and USW Local 11-6 intend to file a written agreement on March 31, 2006.

Because the issues have been settled, the Commission will excuse the parties from filing the pretrial briefs due March 30, 2006. To ensure that this matter continues in an expeditious manner, however, the Commission will direct that the agreement be filed and will direct that the parties appear on the scheduled hearing date to present their agreement and answer any questions that the Commission may have regarding the agreement. In order to better accommodate the Commission's schedule, the time of the hearing will be reset from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. The parties are excused from filing pretrial briefs.

- 2. Laclede Gas Company and USW Local 11-6 shall file their written agreement no later than March 31, 2006.
 - 3. The hearing set for April 4, 2006, shall begin at 1:30 p.m.
 - 4. This order shall become effective on March 30, 2006.

BY THE COMMISSION

Colleen M. Dale Secretary

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Nancy Dippell, Deputy Chief Regulatory Law Judge, by delegation of authority pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri, on this 30th day of March, 2006.