BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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In the Matter of Laclede Gas Company Concerning a Natural Gas Incident at 7527 Michigan Street, St. Louis, Missouri.

Case No. GS-2009-0270

STAFF'S REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL TIME TO RESPOND TO LACLEDE GAS COMPANY'S RESPONSE

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff), by and through counsel, and for its *Request For Additional Time to Respond to Laclede Gas Company's Response*, respectfully states as follows:

1. On January 20, 2009, Staff requested the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission) *Establish A Case For Investigation of Gas Safety Incident* involving an incident that occurred on December 30, 2008 at 7527 Michigan Street, St. Louis, Missouri and for receiving the response of Laclede Gas Company (Laclede or Company).

On January 27, 2009 the Commission granted Staff's request and established Case
No. GS-2009-0270.

3. On July 15, 2009, Staff filed its Final Status Report providing its recommendation from the investigation of the events at 7527 Michigan Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri.

4. On July 16, 2009, the Commission ordered Laclede to respond to Staff's Gas Incident Report no later than September 14, 2009.

5. On September 14, 2009, Laclede filed its reply to Staff's Gas Incident Report. In its report, Laclede responded to each of Staff's recommendation.

6. Staff needs additional time to address Laclede's Response. Staff estimates it will be able to respond no later than October 20, 2009.

WHEREFORE, Staff respectfully request that the Commission permit Staff to reply to Laclede Gas Company no later than October 20, 2009.

Respectfully submitted,

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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 24th day of September, 2009.

/s/ Jaime N. Ott