

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

In the Matter of Laclede Gas Company's)
Tariff Filing to Allow Estimated Billing)
Whenever an Automatic Meter Reader)
Fails to Send Readings of Actual Usage.)

Case No. GT-2008-0374
Tariff No. YG-2008-0690

RESPONSE TO ORDER DIRECTING FILING

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission) and on behalf of the Parties, states as follows:

1. On August 8, 2008, the Staff filed, on behalf of the parties, a status report in this case informing the Commission the parties were continuing discussions concerning the tariff. In that report, Staff proposed to file either an agreement or another status report not later than August 22, 2008.

2. On August 12, 2008, the Commission issued its Order Directing Filing ordering the parties to file an agreement or a procedural schedule not later than August 22, 2008.

3. The parties are continuing their discussions of draft language and believe they are near final resolution of this matter. However, the parties need more time to reach an agreement. Recognizing the September 16, 2008 effective date of the tariff, the parties propose to file either an agreement or a procedural schedule not later than August 28, 2008.

WHEREFORE, on behalf of the parties, the Staff prays the Commission accept this pleading in response to its Order.

Respectfully submitted,

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