

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

In the Matter of the Laclede Gas Company Tariff)	
Filing to Establish Additional Procedures For)	
Situations Where a Meter Stops or Fails to Register)	<u>Case No. GT-2008-0374</u>
or Provide Meter Readings)	Tariff No. YG-2008-0690

MOTION TO MODIFY PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Staff") and for its motion to modify the procedural schedule in the above-captioned case, states as follows:

1. On September 26, 2008, the Commission issued its Order Adopting Procedural Schedule which adopted the following schedule:

Current Procedural Schedule

<u>Item</u>	<u>Party</u>	<u>Date</u>
Direct Testimony	Laclede	Thursday, 10/16/08
Rebuttal Testimony ¹	Staff / Public Counsel	Tuesday, 11/18/08
Surrebuttal Testimony ²	All Parties	Monday, 12/15/08
Issues List, Statements of Position, and Order of Witnesses and Cross-Examination	Joint	Tuesday, 1/6/09
Hearing		January 13-14, 2009 Beginning at 10:00 a.m

2. Upon further consideration of the parties, the Staff proposes to modify the above procedural schedule to add the date of January 8, 2009 to include a settlement conference so the parties can meet to discuss the possibility of settling this matter before going to hearing. In

¹ Rebuttal Testimony shall respond to matters raised in Direct Testimony.

² Surrebuttal Testimony shall respond to matters raised in Rebuttal Testimony.

addition, the Staff proposes to extend by four days the filing date of surrebuttal testimony for all parties from December 15, 2008 to December 19, 2008, and to extend the hearing date to January 28 – 29, 2009.

Modified Procedural Schedule

<u>Item</u>	<u>Party</u>	<u>New Dates</u>
Surrebuttal Testimony	All Parties	Friday, December 19, 2008
Settlement Conference	All Parties	Thursday, January 8, 2009
Issues List, Statements of Position, and Order of Witnesses and Cross-Examination	Joint	Thursday, January 22, 2009
Hearing		Wednesday, January 28-29, 2009 Beginning at 10:00 a.m

3. Staff has discussed this matter with counsel for Laclede and Public Counsel and no party objects to this change. The above changes should not effect the March 16, 2009 tariff suspension date.

WHEREFORE, Staff respectfully requests the Commission issue an order approving the above modified procedural schedule.

Respectfully submitted,

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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 1st day of December, 2008.

/s/ Robert S. Berlin