

**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 )	<b><u>Case No. GT-2008-0374</u></b>
or Provide Meter Readings )	Tariff No. YG-2008-0690

**PROPOSED PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE**

**COMES NOW** the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Staff”), on behalf of itself, Laclede Gas Company (“Laclede” or “Company”) and the Office of the Public Counsel (“Public Counsel”), and submits the following recommendation regarding a procedural schedule for this case:

1. On September 3, 2008, the Commission issued an Order directing the parties to file a proposed procedural schedule in this case. As a result of their discussions, the parties have formulated the following recommendations for the Commission’s consideration:

**Proposed Procedural Schedule**

<u>Item</u>	<u>Party</u>	<u>Date</u>
Direct Testimony	Laclede	Thursday, 10/16/08
Rebuttal Testimony <sup>1</sup>	Staff / Public Counsel	Tuesday, 11/18/08
Surrebuttal Testimony <sup>2</sup>	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

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<sup>1</sup> Rebuttal Testimony shall respond to matters raised in Direct Testimony.

<sup>2</sup> Surrebuttal Testimony shall respond to matters raised in Rebuttal Testimony.

2. The Parties have agreed to provide objections and answers to data requests on the following schedule: after the filing of direct testimony, objections shall be made within five (5) business days of receipt, and answers shall be due within ten (10) business days of receipt; after the filing of surrebuttal testimony, objections shall be made within three (3) business days of receipt, and answers shall be due within seven (7) business days of receipt.

3. The Parties request that the Commission approve the proposed procedural schedule and the above noted agreements concerning data request responses in its Order addressing these recommendations.

WHEREFORE, Staff respectfully requests on behalf of all of the Parties that the Commission approve the recommendations set forth above.

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 16th day of September, 2008.

/s/ **Robert S. Berlin**