

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

The Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission,)	
)	
Complainant,)	
v.)	Case No. GC-2011-0098
)	
Laclede Gas Company,)	
Respondent.)	

JOINT MOTION TO STAY PROCEEDINGS

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Staff”), Laclede Gas Company (“Laclede” or “Company”), and the Office of the Public Counsel (“OPC”), and in support of their Joint Motion to Stay Proceedings, state as follows:

1. On October 6, 2010, Staff filed a complaint against Laclede pertaining to certain issues regarding the Company’s CAM and gas supply affiliate transactions. The complaint was last amended by Staff’s filing of a second amended complaint on November 22, 2010. On December 10, 2010, Laclede filed its answer and counterclaim concerning Staff’s position on affiliate transactions. The parties filed testimony in March, April and May of 2011. A hearing is currently scheduled for August 10-11, 2011.

2. Over the past few months, the parties have met or conferred on several occasions in an effort to resolve the issues in this proceeding. At the same time, one of the commissioners has left the Commission, and another commissioner may later be appointed in time to vote on the issues in this case, but without having had the benefit of participating in the hearing.

3. In light of these circumstances, the parties believe that it would be beneficial to postpone the hearing currently scheduled for August 10-11. Such

postponement would allow time for a new commissioner to be installed, so that, if the parties are unable to reach settlement, the matter can be heard and voted on by the full Commission. It would also afford the parties more of an opportunity to pursue such a resolution of some or all of the issues in this case, as well as possibly settle issues in other related matters pertaining to affiliate transactions.

4. The parties recommend that the Commission issue an order postponing the hearing and requiring the parties to submit status reports to the Commission on a monthly basis. The parties further recommend that any party be permitted the discretion to request at any time that the hearing be rescheduled.

WHEREFORE, for the foregoing reasons, Staff, Laclede and OPC respectfully request that the Commission postpone the hearing, and approve the parties' recommendations as set forth above.

Respectfully submitted,

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Certificate of Service

The undersigned certifies that a true and correct copy of the foregoing pleading was served on the parties to this case on this 5th day of August, 2011, by hand-delivery, e-mail, fax, or by United States mail, postage prepaid.

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