

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

In the Matter of Laclede Gas Company's )  
Tariff to Revise Natural Gas Rate ) Case No. GR-2005-0284  
Schedules )

JOINT MOTION TO SUSPEND PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

COME NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission, the Office of Public Counsel, and Laclede Gas Company (hereinafter, "the Filing Parties"), and for their Motion to Suspend Procedural Schedule, respectfully state as follows:

1. In its *Order Establishing Procedural Schedule* of May 12, 2005, the Commission established a procedural schedule calling for Direct Testimony on August 12, 2005, with additional events to follow including the filing of Rebuttal Testimony, Surrebuttal Testimony, and Pretrial Briefs.

2. The Filing Parties now request the Commission to suspend the procedural schedule with respect to the Direct Testimony to be filed on August 12, 2005, because the parties have reached a tentative settlement and are in the process of preparing a Unanimous Stipulation and Agreement, which the Parties intend to resolve all issues in dispute in this matter.

3. The Filing Parties do not intend this Motion to address anything other than the date for Direct Testimony, and specifically intend that the Commission conduct the local public hearings in this matter.

4. All parties to this matter intend to file a Unanimous Stipulation and Agreement on or before August 26, 2005, subject to receipt of comments at the local public hearings.

5. The Filing Parties have conferred with the other parties to the case, and are authorized to report that such parties concur with the representations made herein.

6. 4 CSR 240-2.050(3)(A) provides that the Commission may enlarge a specified time period before its expiration.

WHEREFORE, the Parties respectfully request the Commission to suspend the procedural schedule in this case with respect to the Direct Testimony to be filed on August 12, 2005.

Respectfully submitted,

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