

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

In the Matter of Laclede Gas Company's Verified)	
Application for Authority to Issue and Sell)	
First Mortgage Bonds, Unsecured Debt and)	
Preferred Stock, in Connection with a Universal)	Case No. GF-2009-0450
Shelf Registration Statement, to Issue Common)	
Stock and Receive Capital Contributions, to Issue)	
and Accept Private Placement Securities, and to)	
Enter Into Capital Leases, all in a Total Amount)	
Not to Exceed \$600 Million)	

**JOINT RECOMMENDATION REGARDING BRIEFING SCHEDULE
AND EXTENSION OF TEMPORARY AUTHORITY**

COMES NOW Laclede Gas Company ("Laclede" or "Company") and the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Staff") and for their Joint Recommendation Regarding Briefing Schedule and Extension of Temporary Authority state as follows:

1. At the evidentiary hearing held in the above referenced case on April 20, 2010, the parties were directed to submit a proposed briefing schedule by April 22, 2010. To fully address the legal issues that have been raised in this proceeding, Laclede and Staff recommend that the Commission direct that both initial and reply briefs be submitted on May 21 and May 28, 2010, respectively.

2. To accommodate this briefing schedule, Laclede and Staff further recommend that the temporary financing authority previously extended by the Commission in its April 7, 2010 Order in this proceeding until June 15, 2010, be extended for a further period of 15 days until June 30, 2010, subject to the same terms and conditions set forth in that Order. Laclede and Staff further recommend that any order approving such an extension be made effective as soon as reasonably practicable so

that the Company's authorization to issue debt securities on a private basis (as previously recommended by the parties) will also become effective as soon as possible.

3. Laclede and Staff have submitted this Joint Recommendation to the Office of the Public Counsel ("OPC") and have been advised that OPC has no objection to the relief sought herein.

WHEREFORE, for the foregoing reasons, Laclede Gas Company, on behalf of itself and the Staff, respectfully requests that the Commission issue its Order: (a) establishing May 21 and May 28, 2010 as the due dates for the filing of initial and reply briefs, respectively, and (b) extending until June 30, 2010 the temporary financing authority previously extended by the Commission in its April 7, 2010 Order in this proceeding, subject to the same terms and conditions set forth in that Order.

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 Staff and the Office of the Public Counsel on this 22nd day of April, 2010 by hand-delivery, e-mail, fax, or by placing a copy of such document, postage prepaid, in the United States mail.

/s/ Gerry Lynch