BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

Staff of the Public Service Commission of) Missouri,) v. Complainant,) v.) Case No. GC-2006-0318) Laclede Gas Company,) Respondent.)

MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE PREHEARING BRIEF AND STATEMENT OF POSITION

COMES NOW Laclede Gas Company ("Laclede" or "Company") and files this Motion for Extension of Time to File Prehearing Brief and Statement of Position and, in support thereof, states as follows:

1. By order dated July 5, 2006, the Commission set October 6 as the date for the parties to file prehearing briefs and position statements in this case. Laclede and Complainants' Staff and Public Counsel have been engaged this week in settlement discussions, which such parties expect to continue through tomorrow, October 6. On behalf of itself and these parties, Laclede is therefore requesting an extension of the date to file prehearing briefs and position statements until the next following business day, being Tuesday, October 10.

2. Laclede has discussed this motion with the Complainants and represents that they concur with the relief sought herein.

WHEREFORE, Laclede respectfully requests that the Commission grant all parties to this case an extension until October 10, 2006, to file their prehearing briefs and position statements.

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 General Counsel of the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission, the Office of Public Counsel, and USW Local No. 11-6, on this 5th day of October, 2006 by United States mail, hand-delivery, email, or facsimile.

/s/ Rick Zucker