BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the PGA Filing for)	Case No. GR-2004-0273
Laclede Gas Company)	

MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

COMES NOW Laclede Gas Company ("Laclede" or "Company") and, pursuant to Rule 4 CSR 240-2.050(3) of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, respectfully requests that the Commission extend the time for Laclede to respond to the Staff Recommendation in this case. In support thereof, Laclede states as follows:

- Staff filed its Recommendation in this docket on December 29, 2005. On January 24, 2006, the Commission issued an order directing Laclede to respond to the Staff Recommendation by February 3, 2006.
- 2. Staff's recommendation not only covers numerous issues, but also proposes a disallowance, based on two separate elements, that totals more than \$3.3 million. Due to the number and complexity of the issues identified by Staff, in addition to the significant amount at stake, Laclede seeks additional time to file its response to Staff's Recommendation.
- 3. Laclede proposes an extension to February 27, 2006 to respond to Staff's Recommendation. The extension requested herein will not prejudice any other party, but will instead serve to enhance the quality of the information available to the Commission as it evaluates Staff's Recommendation. Laclede has discussed this proposed extension with Staff and Public Counsel, and both parties have stated that they do not object to the proposed extension.

WHEREFORE, for the foregoing reasons, Laclede respectfully requests that the Commission grant this motion and extend the time for Laclede to respond to Staff's Recommendation to February 27, 2006.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Gerry Lynch hereby certifies that the foregoing Motion has been duly served upon the General Counsel of the Staff of the Public Service Commission and the Office of the Public Counsel by hand delivery, email, fax, or United States mail, postage prepaid, on this 27th day of January, 2005.

/s/ Rick Zucker
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