

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

**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:

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.

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**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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