

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

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| Staff of the Public Service Commission of |) | |
| Missouri, |) | |
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| Complainant, |) | |
| v. |) | Case No. GR-2004-0273 |
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| Laclede Gas Company, |) | |
| |) | |
| Respondent. |) | |

**LACLEDE GAS COMPANY’S MOTION FOR
MODIFICATION OF PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE**

COMES NOW Laclede Gas Company (“Laclede” or “Company”) and files this Motion for Modification of Procedural Schedule and, in support thereof, states as follows:

1. On June 2, 2006, the Commission issued its Order Adopting Procedural Schedule in the above referenced case. The Procedural Schedule set November 21, 2006 as the date for surrebuttal testimony, with the list of issues due on November 29 and prehearing briefs due on December 11. However, the hearing is not scheduled to take place until January 29-30, 2007.

2. The parties timely filed direct testimony on September 8, 2006, and rebuttal testimony on October 19. Laclede has also responded, and is continuing to respond to numerous discovery requests in both this ACA case and in the ACA case for the next succeeding period in GR-2005-0203.

3. Laclede requests that the Commission modify the procedural schedule in the following manner, so that it is more in line with the hearing, which is not scheduled to take place for more than two months:

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| Surrebuttal Testimony, all parties | December 8, 2006 |
| List of issues, order of witnesses and order of cross-examination | December 18, 2006 |
| Prehearing Brief and Statements of Position | January 11, 2007 |
| Hearing | January 29-30, 2007 Beginning at 8:30 a.m. |

4. Laclede has discussed this matter with Staff and Public Counsel. Staff does not oppose extending the List of Issues or the Prehearing Brief. However, Staff declined to agree to an extension of the Surrebuttal Testimony, which is due next Tuesday, November 21, 2006. Public Counsel does not oppose any of the foregoing modifications to the procedural schedule.

WHEREFORE, Laclede respectfully requests that the Commission modify the procedural schedule as set forth herein.

Respectfully Submitted,

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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 and the Office of Public Counsel on this 17th day of November, 2006 by United States mail, hand-delivery, email, or facsimile.

/s/ Rick Zucker
