

WHEREFORE, Laclede respectfully requests that the Commission modify the procedural schedule to provide for prehearing briefs and statements of position to be filed not later than January 23, 2007.

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 and the Office of Public Counsel on this 8th day of January, 2007 by United States mail, hand-delivery, email, or facsimile.

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