



**WHEREFORE**, for the foregoing reasons, Laclede respectfully requests that the Commission extend the technical conference and the filing of a proposed procedural schedule consistent with the recommendation set forth herein.

Respectfully submitted,

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

The undersigned hereby certifies that the foregoing pleading 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 5th day of May, 2006.

**/s/ Rick Zucker**

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