

**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)

PROPOSED PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

COMES NOW Laclede Gas Company (“Laclede” or “Company”), the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Staff"), and the Office of the Public Counsel ("OPC"), and file this Proposed Procedural Schedule, and in support thereof state as follows:

1. On April 27, 2006, the parties to this case participated in the first meeting of a technical conference. After the meeting, it was determined that extending the technical conference in order for the parties to exchange information and conduct another meeting, would be constructive. Pursuant to a request by Laclede, which was concurred in by Staff, and not objected to by Public Counsel, the Commission issued an order on May 10, 2006 extending the technical conference and moving the date to file a proposed procedural schedule from May 5, 2006, to May 19, 2006.

2. Unfortunately, the press of business has prevented the parties from making further progress during the two week extension. Rather than seek yet another extension for filing the procedural schedule, the parties have determined to file this proposed procedural schedule incorporating within said schedule the technical conference that the parties continue to support.

3. Accordingly, the parties hereby propose the following schedule:

| <u>Subject</u> | <u>Dates</u> |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Technical Conference Meetings; Discovery | June 20, 2006; July 18, 2006 |
| Direct Testimony of All Parties | September 8, 2006 |
| Rebuttal Testimony of All Parties | October 19, 2006 |
| Surrebuttal Testimony of All Parties | November 21, 2006 |
| List of Issues, Order of Witnesses and Cross- Examination | November 29, 2006 |
| Pre-Hearing Briefs and Statements of Position | December 11, 2006 |
| Evidentiary Hearings | December 18-19, 2006 |

WHEREFORE, the undersigned parties respectfully submit their proposed procedural schedule for the Commission's consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

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