

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

In the Matter of Laclede Gas Company's Verified)	
Application for Authority to Issue and Sell First)	
Mortgage Bonds, Unsecured Debt and Preferred)	
Stock, in Connection with a Universal Shelf)	<u>Case No. GF-2007-0220</u>
Registration Statement, and to Issue Common)	
Stock and Receive Capital Contributions, All in a)	
Total Amount Not to Exceed \$500 Million.)	

**STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION AND
MOTION FOR LEAVE TO FILE OUT-OF-TIME**

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission, by and through the Commission's General Counsel, and for its Status Report states as follows:

1. Staff hereby submits its Memorandum and Recommendation herein.

Staff further moves that the Commission will grant it leave to file its above Memorandum and Recommendation out-of-time, stating in support thereof that:

1. The press of other business prevented Staff from filing its Memorandum and Recommendation sooner.

WHEREFORE, Staff prays that the Commission will grant it leave to file its Status Report out-of-time and will accept the above Status Report; and grant such other and further relief as the Commission deems just in the premises.

Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served, either electronically or by hand delivery or by First Class United States Mail, postage prepaid, on this **13th day of February, 2007**, to the parties of record as set out on the official Service List maintained by the Data Center of the Missouri Public Service Commission for this case.

s/ Kevin A. Thompson