

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of Laclede Gas Company's	)	
Tariffs to Revise Natural Gas Rate	)	Case No. GR-2010-0171
Schedules.	)	

**PARTIES' RESPONSE TO COMMISSION ORDER**

**REGARDING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE**

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff), and with the agreement, or non-opposition, of the Parties to this case, responds to the Commission's June 14, 2010 Order Directing Filing and notifies the Commission that the Parties are continuing to negotiate. Staff further states:

1. Parties are continuing to engage in conference calls and other discussions to see if a global resolution of the issues in this case is possible.
2. Even though negotiations are ongoing, it appears unlikely the Parties will reach a final settlement before Rebuttal Testimony is due on Thursday, June 24.
3. Staff therefore notifies the Commission that the proposed procedural schedule need not be suspended at this time.
4. If circumstances change, Staff will immediately notify the Commission.
5. If it remains necessary, Staff and Laclede recommend the Commission set oral argument for Staff's Motion to Add Party for the week of July 5.

**WHEREFORE**, Counsel for Staff, with the agreement of the Parties to the case, or non-opposition, respectfully suggests the established procedural schedule remain in place.

Respectfully submitted,

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