BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of Laclede Gas Company's) Purchased Gas Adjustment for 2005-2006) <u>Case No. GR-2006-0288</u>

MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE RESPONSE

COMES NOW Laclede Gas Company (hereinafter "Laclede" or "Company") and in support of its Motion for Extension of Time to file Response, states as follows:

1. On December 31, 2007, the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (hereinafter the "Staff") submitted its Memorandum and Recommendation in Case No. GR-2006-0288 for the Company's 2005-2006 Actual Cost Adjustment ("ACA") period. In its filing, the Staff makes a number of recommendations relating to various gas supply matters and proposes several adjustments to Laclede's ACA balances.

2. Since the filing of Staff's Recommendation, the Company and Staff have had an opportunity to discuss a number of the items addressed in Staff's Recommendation. Based on those discussions, Laclede believes that extending the due date for the filing of its Response to Staff's Memorandum and Recommendation may help the parties to narrow or even eliminate some or all of the issues in this case. During the intervening period, it would be Laclede's intent to provide the Staff and/or Public Counsel with the opportunity to review additional information relating to certain West Line purchases of baseload gas made by Laclede from its affiliate, Laclede Energy Resources. Laclede would make arrangements to have such information available at a work room located in Jefferson City so that the Staff could review the information at its convenience. Laclede would also use the intervening period to make its in-house gas personnel available to discuss and answer questions regarding these purchases.

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3. Laclede believes that an extension of approximately 30 days would be sufficient to complete this process. Laclede accordingly requests that the due date for its Response to Staff's Memorandum and Recommendation in this case be extended to March 10, 2008.

4. Laclede has discussed this extension with counsel for both the Staff and the Office of the Public Counsel and they have indicated that they have no objection to the Commission granting such relief.

WHEREFORE, for the foregoing reasons, Laclede respectfully requests that the Commission extend the due date for the filing of its Response to Staff's Memorandum and Recommendation in this case until March 10, 2008.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Gerry Lynch 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 6th day of February, 2008.

/s/ Gerry Lynch

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