

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

In the Matter of Laclede Gas Company's)
Purchased Gas Adjustment for 2007-2008) **Case No. GR-2008-0387**

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE RESPONSE

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

1. On December 31, 2009, the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (hereinafter the "Staff") submitted its Memorandum and Recommendation in this case for the Company's 2007-2008 Actual Cost Adjustment ("ACA") period. On January 4, 2010, the Commission issued an order directing Laclede to file a response to the Staff Recommendation by January 29, 2010. For the reasons stated below, Laclede requests a 28-day extension to file its response.

2. In its 17-page filing, the Staff makes a host of recommendations relating to variety of gas supply matters. The gas supply personnel who must assist in responding to these voluminous recommendations are at the same time engaged in (i) managing gas supply for our customers during the winter heating season; (ii) working on issues associated with ACA disallowances in previous cases; and (iii) preparing responses to discovery requests for the ACA year just completed, 2008-09.

3. This is the first extension of time requested by Laclede. The Company believes that an extension of approximately four weeks would be sufficient to complete the process of filing a response to the many recommendations in this case. Laclede accordingly requests that the due date for its Response to Staff's Memorandum and Recommendation be extended to February 26, 2010.

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 do not oppose the requested 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 February 26, 2010.

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 27th day of January, 2010.

/s/ Gerry Lynch

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