BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION STATE OF MISSOURI

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

USW 11-6 REQUEST TO BE EXCUSED FROM HEARING

COMES NOW USW Local 11-6 ("Local 11-6"), by counsel, in response to the Commission's Order Setting Evidentiary Hearing on Motion, issued July 1, 2010, and states as follows:

- As previously noted in its Response to Order Directing Filing, submitted on June 30, 2010, Local 11-6 does not intend to file evidence concerning the Staff's motion;
- 2. Accordingly, Local 11-6 requests that it be excused from the oral argument and evidentiary hearing scheduled for July 9, 2010;
- 3. Local 11-6 is making this request at this time because its counsel was out of town when the Order was issued and just became aware of it upon her return.

Respectfully submitted,

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