

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

Staff of the Public Service Commission)	
of the State of Missouri)	
)	
Complainant,)	
)	Case No. GC-2006-0318, et al
v.)	
)	
Laclede Gas Company)	
)	
Respondent.)	

**UNANIMOUS REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF HEARING
AND BRIEFING DATES**

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff) and, upon agreement of the parties to this case, including Laclede Gas Company (Laclede), the office of the Public Counsel (OPC), and USW 11-6 (Union), requests the Commission grant an extension of the hearing and prehearing briefing dates. In support Staff states:

1. The Parties have been discussing settlement of the issues in this case and have additional discussions scheduled for Tuesday morning October 10.
2. The Parties have tentatively reached agreement on Issue 2 which has been described as the “usage while off” issue. This issue involves instances where Laclede has locked a meter shut or has locked the service line at the curb, but gas usage continues to register on the meter. The Parties have tentatively reached agreement on the actions that the Company will take when this situation exists and the time period in which the Company will act. The Parties have also agreed to continue to work toward agreement of the procedures to

be followed in the event unauthorized usage is occurring in one unit of a multi-tenant dwelling.

3. The Parties should be able to file a partial stipulation and agreement on this issue shortly.

4. The Parties propose moving the hearing date to later in the month and using Wednesday October 11 for additional settlement discussions of the remaining billing issues.

5. The Parties further propose that if discussions do not result in settlement, they will work with the Law Judge to schedule a hearing as soon as possible and within 30 days of the breakdown of settlement discussions.

6. It is possible, and even likely that the hearing will take a single day since settlement of Issue 2 has eliminated the need for testimony from two witnesses, Mark Lauber and Robert Leonberger.

7. Since the number of Parties and witnesses is limited the Parties are able to schedule this hearing, if necessary, on fairly short notice. To further permit short notice, if settlement is not reached, the Parties will file prehearing briefs no later than October 16.

8. The parties to this case do not intend that this request have any effect on the AMR Installation case currently pending before the Commission. Case No. GC-2006-0390.

WHEREFORE, Staff respectfully requests that the Commission cancel the hearing scheduled on October 11 to permit the Parties to engage in settlement discussions and order filing of prehearing briefs and a partial settlement on October 16.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned certifies that a true and correct copy of the foregoing pleading was served on all parties of record on this 9th day of October 2006, by hand-delivery, email, fax or United States mail, postage prepaid.

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