

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**

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 meetings to see if resolution of the issues in this case is possible.
2. Even though negotiations are ongoing, it currently seems unlikely the Parties will reach a final settlement by Friday.
3. With the Commission's permission, Staff will notify the Commission of the status of negotiations on Friday of this week and make a recommendation concerning the procedural schedule.

**WHEREFORE**, Counsel for Staff, with the agreement of the Parties to the case respectfully requests the Commission accept this pleading in response to the Commission's June 14 Order and permit Staff to further update the Commission this Friday as to progress of negotiations and any recommendations concerning the procedural schedule.

Respectfully submitted,

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