

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

In the Matter of Laclede Gas Company's Verified	)	
Application for Authority to Issue and Sell First	)	
Mortgage Bonds, Unsecured Debt and Preferred	)	
Stock, in Connection with a Universal Shelf	)	<u>Case No. GF-2007-0220</u>
Registration Statement, and to Issue Common	)	
Stock and Receive Capital Contributions, All in a	)	
Total Amount Not to Exceed \$500 Million.	)	

**STAFF'S STATUS REPORT AND
MOTION FOR LEAVE TO FILE OUT-OF-TIME**

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission, by and through the Commission's General Counsel, and for its Status Report states as follows:

1. Staff will file its Memorandum and Recommendation herein on or about February 9, 2007.

Staff further moves that the Commission will grant it leave to file its above Status Report out-of-time, stating in support thereof that:

1. The press of other business prevented Staff from filing its Status Report sooner.

WHEREFORE, Staff prays that the Commission will grant it leave to file its Status Report out-of-time and will accept the above Status Report; and grant such other and further relief as the Commission deems just in the premises.

Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served, either electronically or by hand delivery or by First Class United States Mail, postage prepaid, on this **24th day of January, 2007**, to the parties of record as set out on the official Service List maintained by the Data Center of the Missouri Public Service Commission for this case.

s/ Kevin A. Thompson