BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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Staff of the Public Service Commission of Missouri,

Complainant,

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Case No. GC-2006-0318, et al.

Laclede Gas Company,

Respondent.

ORDER ESTABLISHING PROTECTIVE ORDER

Issue Date: July 27, 2006

Effective Date: July 27, 2006

On July 27, 2006, the Office of the Public Counsel filed a motion asking the Commission to issue its standard protective order to protect proprietary or highly confidential information from improper disclosure.

After reviewing Public Counsel's motion, the Commission finds that there is a need to protect confidential information and that the request for a protective order is reasonable.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. The protective order attached to this order (Attachment A) is adopted.

2. This order shall become effective on July 27, 2006.

BY THE COMMISSION

Colleen M. Dale Secretary

(SEAL)

Morris L. Woodruff, Deputy Chief Regulatory Law Judge, by delegation of authority pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri, on this 27th day of July, 2006.