

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

Norman Harrold,)	
)	
Complainant.)	
v.)	
)	Case No. GC-2007-0311
Laclede Gas Company,)	
)	
Respondent .)	

STAFF’S REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL TIME TO FILE

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff) and for its Request for Additional Time to File states:

1. On February 22, 2007, Mr. Norman Harrold filed a complaint against Laclede Gas Company disputing, among other things the amount of an estimated bill.
2. On February 23, the Commission issued its Order Directing Staff to Investigate and File a Report.
3. On March 28, Laclede Gas Company Filed its Answer to Complaint.
4. After discussion with both Laclede and Mr. Harrold, Staff has learned that a settlement of this complaint is possible.
5. Staff spoke with Mrs. Harrold today and she indicated that a settlement is still possible. The Harrolds received a disconnect notice but since the bill is in dispute, counsel for Staff contacted Laclede to assure that they will not disconnect the Complainants.
6. Since settlement is still possible, Staff proposes that if no settlement has been reached by May 16, Staff be directed to file its Recommendation on May 18.

WHEREFORE Staff requests that the Commission grant Staff additional time to file its Recommendation as settlement discussions are ongoing.

Respectfully submitted,

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