

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

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

**ORDER DIRECTING RESPONSE TO PUBLIC COUNSEL'S
MOTION FOR LOCAL PUBLIC HEARINGS**

Issue Date: August 31, 2006

Effective Date: August 31, 2006

On August 30, 2006, the Office of the Public Counsel filed a motion asking the Commission to schedule local public hearings in this case during the first week of October. Public Counsel asks the Commission to expedite its consideration of its motion and to schedule the public hearings by September 12.

Before acting on Public Counsel's motion, the Commission will give the other parties an opportunity to respond.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. Any party wishing to respond to the Office of the Public Counsel's Motion for Local Public Hearings shall do so no later than September 5, 2006.

2. This order shall become effective on August 31, 2006.

BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Colleen M. Dale', written over a horizontal line.

Colleen M. Dale
Secretary

(S E A L)

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 31st day of August, 2006.