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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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ORDER GRANTING MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

On May 22, 1997, Laclede Gas Company (Laclede) and the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff) filed a Motion For Extension Of Time. Laclede and Staff request that the Commission extend the date for filing a stipulation and agreement in this case until July 15, 1997.

Staff and Laclede state that in their efforts to finalize a stipulation and agreement they discovered a misunderstanding about how relevant available information would be stored, maintained and updated. Staff and Laclede believe that they will be able to resolve the matter.

The Commission finds that the Motion For Extension Of Time should be granted to allow Laclede and Staff an opportunity to fully explore resolution of the matters in this case.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the Motion For Extension Of Time filed by Laclede Gas Company and Staff on May 22 is hereby granted.
2. That Laclede Gas Company and Staff shall file a stipulation and agreement or, in lieu thereof, a proposed procedural schedule no later than July 15, 1997.

3. That this order shall become effective on the date hereof.

BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Cecil I. Wright", written in dark ink.

**Cecil I. Wright
Executive Secretary**

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Thomas H. Luckenbill, Deputy Chief
Administrative Law Judge, by
delegation of authority pursuant to
4 CSR 240-2.120(1) (November 30,
1995) and Section 386.240,
RSMo 1994.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 6th day of June, 1997.