

**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</u>
)	
Laclede Gas Company,)	
)	
Respondent.)	

**ORDER GRANTING LACLEDE GAS COMPANY'S REQUEST FOR
EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE ANSWER**

Issue Date: March 8, 2006

Effective Date: March 8, 2006

On February 6, 2006, the Commission issued a notice regarding Staff's complaint against Laclede Gas Company, establishing March 8 as the deadline for Laclede to file its answer or other response. On March 7, Laclede filed a request for an extension of time to file its answer. Laclede's motion indicated that it is engaged in settlement negotiations with Staff and that a 15-day extension – until March 23 – would be appropriate to allow the parties more time to negotiate before filing an answer.

Laclede's motion is reasonable and is not opposed by any party. The motion for extension of time to file an answer will be granted.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. Laclede Gas Company's Motion for Extension of Time to File Answer is granted.

2. Laclede Gas Company shall respond to Staff's Complaint no later than March 23, 2006.

3. This order shall become effective on March 8, 2006.

BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Colleen M. Dale', written in a cursive style.

Colleen M. Dale
Secretary

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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 8th day of March, 2006.