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June 11, 2007

Kimberly D. Bose
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Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Street, N.E., room 1-A
Washington, DC 20426

RE: Rockies Express Pipeline, LLC
Docket No. CP07-208-000

Dear Ms. Bose:

I am enclosing for filing in the above-captioned docket an electronic version of the Motion to Intervene Out-of-Time of Laclede Gas Company.

Sincerely,

/s/ Kenneth J. Neises
Kenneth J. Neises

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Enclosure

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**BEFORE THE
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION**

Rockies Express Pipeline LLC

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Docket No.CP07-208-000

**MOTION TO INTERVENE OUT-OF-TIME
OF
LACLEDE GAS COMPANY**

Pursuant to the Notice of Application in FERC Gas Tariff issued in the above-captioned docket on May 14, 2007, and Rule 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 C.F.R. §385.214, Laclede Gas Company (Laclede) hereby moves to intervene in the filing made by Rockies Express Pipeline LLC (Rockies Express) in the above-captioned proceeding.

I.

The names and addresses of the persons to whom communications with respect to this proceeding should be addressed are as follows:

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Laclede is a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Missouri, with its principal place of business at 720 Olive Street, St. Louis, Missouri, 63101. It is a public utility engaged in the retail distribution of natural gas to more than 600,000 residential, commercial, and industrial customers in the City of St. Louis, St. Louis County, and eight other counties in Eastern Missouri. Laclede is a firm transportation customer of Panhandle Eastern Pipeline Company ("Panhandle") which, in turn, will be interconnected with Rockies Express at the point of origin of the new pipeline segment covered by the application in this proceeding.

II.

On April 30, 2007, Rockies Express filed a request for authorization to construct the eastern segment of its system, which will originate at an interconnection with Panhandle in Audrain County, Missouri and will terminate in Clarington, Ohio. In addition, Rockies Express intends to increase the transportation capacity of its system from 1,500,000 Dth per day to 1,800,000 Dth per day. Since Laclede is a firm transportation customer of Panhandle, Laclede will be directly and vitally affected by the outcome of this proceeding. Accordingly, Laclede has a direct and substantial interest in this proceeding within the meaning of Section 15(a) of the Natural Gas Act (15 U.S.C. §717h), and its intervention and participation herein is in the public interest. Laclede's interests -- and the interests of the consumers it serves -- will not be adequately represented by any other party to this proceeding.

III.

The notice of the filing in the above-captioned docket was issued on May 14, 2007, with a deadline for interventions of June 4, 2007. Due to the press of other business, the notice of Rockies Express application did not come to counsel's attention until just recently. Since this proceeding has not advanced beyond its initial stages, the filing of this pleading out-of-time just one week after the foregoing deadline will not disrupt the proceedings or prejudice any party, and Laclede will accept the record in this proceeding as it stands at the time of its intervention.

WHEREFORE, Laclede respectfully requests that it be granted the right to intervene and participate in this proceeding as a party, with the right to present evidence, cross examine witnesses, file briefs and present oral argument, together with all other rights accorded a party hereto.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on June 11, 2007, the foregoing document will be served upon each person designated on the official service list in these proceedings. Dated at St. Louis, Missouri, this 11th day of June, 2007.

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