

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

Chantel R. Muhammad,)	
Complainant,)	
)	
v.)	File No. GC-2016-0010
)	
Laclede Gas Company,)	
Respondent.)	

**ORDER GRANTING IN PART, AND DENYING IN PART,
MOTION TO EXTEND DISCOVERY SCHEDULE**

Issue Date: May 2, 2016

Effective Date: May 2, 2016

The Missouri Public Service Commission is granting the *Motion to Extend Discovery* (“motion”) as to the subpoena for Mr. Muhammad’s landlord, and denying the remainder of the motion. Mr. Muhammed filed the motion.¹ Laclede Gas Company (“Laclede”) filed a response to the motion² and Mr. Muhammad filed a reply.³

The Commission’s regulations provide that the Commission will allow “the parties [a] reasonable opportunity for discovery[.]”⁴ A reasonable opportunity for discovery has already occurred as evidenced by Mr. Muhammad’s service of requests for admission, interrogatories, and document production requests.⁵ No further discovery that Mr. Muhammad intends to conduct is described in the motion and reply. Nor do the motion and reply describe why such further discovery has not occurred within the schedule that the parties—including Mr. Muhammad—proposed⁶ and the Commission ordered.⁷ Also, the

¹ EFIS No. 24 (March 21, 2016) *Response to Objection to Motion to Extend Discovery*.

² EFIS No. 28 (March 31, 2016) *Response to Motion to Extend Discovery*.

³ EFIS No. 29 (April 4, 2016) *Response to Objection to Motion to Extend Discovery*.

⁴ 4 CSR 240-2.070(15)(C).

⁵ EFIS No. 28 (March 31, 2016) *Response to Motion to Extend Discovery*, attachments.

⁶ EFIS No. 22 (March 3, 2016) *Proposed Procedural Schedule*.

Commission's regulations require this action to proceed "in the timeliest manner [.]"⁸ This action has been pending since July 8, 2015, and addresses a bill that Laclede issued in 2008.

Nevertheless, Laclede does not object to the subpoena of Mr. Muhammad's landlord, conditioned on an extension of the remaining dates in the procedural schedule. The Commission has already continued the evidentiary hearing⁹ and will re-schedule the filing of briefs by separate order. Therefore, the Commission will grant the motion as follows.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The *Motion to Extend Discovery* is granted as to the subpoena for Mr. Muhammad's landlord.
2. Except as set forth in ordered paragraph 1, the *Motion to Extend Discovery* is denied.
3. This order shall be effective when issued.

BY THE COMMISSION



A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Morris L. Woodruff".

Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

Daniel Jordan, Senior Regulatory
Law Judge, by delegation of authority
pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 2nd day of May, 2016.

⁷ EFIS No. 23 (March 3, 2016) *Order Adopting Procedural Schedule*.

⁸ 4 CSR 240-2.070(15)(G).

⁹ EFIS No. 37 (April 18, 2016) *Order Rescheduling Evidentiary Hearing*.