

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

Donald Garner,	)	
	)	
Complainant,	)	
	)	
v.	)	<u>Case No. GC-2007-0488</u>
	)	
Laclede Gas Company,	)	
	)	
Respondent.	)	

ORDER SETTING PREHEARING CONFERENCE
AND DIRECTING FILING OF PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

Issue Date: July 31, 2007

Effective Date: July 31, 2007

On June 21, 2007, Donald Garner filed a complaint with the Missouri Public Service Commission against Laclede Gas Company (Laclede). Laclede filed its answer to the complaint on July 23, 2007, and the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission filed its Report on July 30, 2007.

This matter is now at issue and a prehearing conference and procedural schedule are appropriate to ensure its prompt resolution. It is expected that the prehearing conference will provide an opportunity for the parties to further pursue settlement discussions. The parties shall jointly file a proposed procedural schedule one week after the prehearing conference.

The Commission informs the parties that this prehearing conference is *not* an *evidentiary hearing*. Sworn testimony will not be taken and no final decision will result from this prehearing conference. However, all parties are required to be present for and arrive or phone into the prehearing on or before the scheduled starting time of 10:00 a.m.

Pursuant to Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.090, "Failure to appear at a prehearing conference without previously having secured a continuance shall constitute grounds for dismissal of the parties or the party's complaint, application or other action unless good cause for the failure to appear is shown." As set out below, any party who wishes to attend by telephone will be permitted to do so.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. The parties shall attend a prehearing conference to be held on August 21, 2007, beginning at 10:00 a.m. The prehearing conference will be held in Room 305 at the Commission's offices in the Governor Office Building, 200 Madison Street, Jefferson City, Missouri, a building that meets accessibility standards required by the Americans with Disabilities Act. Any person needing additional accommodations to participate in this prehearing conference should call the Public Service Commission's Hotline at 1-800-392-4211 (voice) or Relay Missouri at 711 before the conference. Parties may participate by telephone by dialing 1-866-809-5709.

2. The parties shall jointly prepare and file a proposed procedural schedule no later than August 28, 2007.

3. This order shall become effective on July 31, 2007.

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Cherlyn D. Voss, Regulatory Law Judge,
by delegation of authority pursuant to
Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 31st day of July, 2007.

BY THE COMMISSION



Colleen M. Dale
Secretary