

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

In the Matter of the Complaint of	)	
Cesar M. Alba,	)	
	)	
Complainant,	)	
	)	
v.	)	<b><u>Case No. GC-2007-0445</u></b>
	)	
Laclede Gas Company,	)	
	)	
Respondent.	)	

**ORDER SETTING PREHEARING CONFERENCE**

Issue Date: August 13, 2007

Effective Date: August 13, 2007

After a complaint and answer were filed, the Staff of the Commission filed its report. Finding that Laclede Gas Company has not violated its tariff or the Commission's rules, Staff recommended that the Commission dismiss this complaint. Subsequently, complainant filed a response to Staff's report requesting that an evidentiary hearing be held.

This matter is now at issue and a prehearing conference and procedural schedule are appropriate to ensure its prompt resolution. At the prehearing conference, the parties or their representatives should be prepared to discuss the nature of any discovery each will conduct and the interval necessary for its completion; the number of witnesses each expects to call at hearing; the number and nature of any exhibits each expects to offer at hearing; and the anticipated length of the hearing. The parties or their representatives should also be prepared to discuss the current status of settlement negotiations. It is

expected that the prehearing conference will provide an opportunity for the parties to further pursue settlement discussions. The Commission will afford the parties an opportunity to participate in this hearing by telephone by calling the number noted below.

**IT IS ORDERED THAT:**

1. A prehearing conference shall be held on September 5, 2007, beginning at 10:00 a.m., in Room 305 of the Governor Office Building, 200 Madison Street, Jefferson City, Missouri. This hearing will be held in a building that meets accessibility standards required by the Americans with Disabilities Act. If you need additional accommodations to participate in this public hearing, please call the Public Service Commission's Hotline at 1-800-392-4211 (voice) or Relay Missouri at 711 prior to the hearing. ***If any party wishes to attend by telephone, please contact the Judge no later than August 29, 2007 at 573-751-8518.***

2. This order shall become effective on August 13, 2007.

**BY THE COMMISSION**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Colleen M. Dale', written over a horizontal line.

Colleen M. Dale  
Secretary

( S E A L )

Kennard L. Jones, Senior Regulatory  
Law Judge, by delegation of authority  
pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,  
on this 13th day of August, 2007.