

OPC responded on August 1. OPC alleges that Respondents are overearning and argues they should not be allowed to continue overearning for several more months simply because they plan to file a rate case next March.²

The Commission is persuaded by OPC's argument. The Commission notes that by agreement, a prehearing conference has been rescheduled for August 18. This complaint is OPC's to prove if it can. If the parties cannot agree to a procedural schedule soon after August 18, they should inform the Commission so that the Commission can set a schedule for them.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The request for stay filed by Laclede Gas Company and Missouri Gas Energy is denied.
2. Unless otherwise ordered by the Commission, the parties shall file a proposed procedural schedule, or schedules, no later than August 25, 2016.
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

Hall, Chm., Stoll, Kenney,
Rupp, and Coleman, CC., concur.

Pridgin, Deputy Chief Regulatory Law Judge

² The Commission notes Staff's comment in the July 12, 2016 Agenda meeting that Laclede is already required to file a rate case in April of 2017 due to operation of the ISRS.

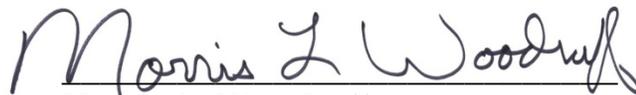
STATE OF MISSOURI

OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

I have compared the preceding copy with the original on file in this office and I do hereby certify the same to be a true copy therefrom and the whole thereof.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the Public Service Commission, at Jefferson City, Missouri, this 3rd day of August 2016.




Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

August 3, 2016

File/Case No. GC-2016-0297

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Enclosed find a certified copy of an Order or Notice issued in the above-referenced matter(s).

Sincerely,



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