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12 Robert F. Morgan, )  
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13 Complainant, )  
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14 vs. ) Case No. GC-2007-0054  
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15 Laclede Gas Company, )  
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16 Respondent. )

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HAROLD STEARLEY, Presiding,  
18 REGULATORY LAW JUDGE

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1 P R O C E E D I N G S

2 JUDGE STEARLEY: Since everyone is here  
3 now, we'll go on the record. Today is September -- today  
4 is not September. Today is October 23rd -- having a  
5 little trouble getting started on Monday here -- 2006, and  
6 we are here in a prehearing conference in the case  
7 Robert F. Morgan, Complainant vs. Laclede Gas Company,  
8 Respondent, Case No. GC-2007-0054.

9 My name is Harold Stearley, and I'm the  
10 presiding officer in this matter. The court reporter this  
11 morning is Kellene Feddersen. At this time we will take  
12 entries of appearance, beginning with Staff.

13 MS. SHEMWELL: Good morning. Lera Shemwell  
14 representing the Staff of the Missouri Public Service  
15 Commission, Post Office Box 360, Jefferson City, Missouri  
16 65102.

17 JUDGE STEARLEY: And Robert Morgan?

18 MR. MORGAN: Robert F. Morgan, 16279  
19 Peppermill Drive, Wildwood, Missouri 63005.

20 JUDGE STEARLEY: And Laclede Gas?

21 MR. ZUCKER: Rick Zucker here on behalf of  
22 Laclede Gas, 720 Olive Street, Room 1516, St. Louis,  
23 Missouri 63101.

24 JUDGE STEARLEY: Okay. Thank you,  
25 everyone. Let the record reflect that no one here is

1 present today for the Office of Public Counsel.

2 Are there any preliminary matters or any  
3 outstanding motions? I don't believe we have any in this  
4 case that need to be addressed.

5 MR. ZUCKER: I don't believe so.

6 JUDGE STEARLEY: Well, the purpose of our  
7 prehearing is, of course, to bring parties together to  
8 give you an opportunity to clearly identify the issues.  
9 If you can reach a settlement in the case, that's always  
10 encouraging. If not, you will have some time to put  
11 together a procedural schedule for us on how we're going  
12 to continue with the case. I brought down one of our  
13 calendars, our hearing calendars, which will help you with  
14 that.

15 I will be up in my office if any of you  
16 should need to contact me for any reason, and since we  
17 don't appear to have any pending matters, I --

18 MS. SHEMWELL: Judge, I would just like to  
19 ask whether if the company or Dr. Morgan were interested  
20 in attending a hearing by phone, if that would be  
21 available, an option for them?

22 JUDGE STEARLEY: Yes, it would be.

23 MS. SHEMWELL: Okay. Thank you.

24 JUDGE STEARLEY: Yes, it would be. And we  
25 are double booking, as you're probably well aware of now,

1 too. So if we need to use 305, it's acceptable.

2 MS. SHEMWELL: Thank you.

3 JUDGE STEARLEY: Any other matters we need  
4 to address at this time?

5 MR. ZUCKER: I don't believe so.

6 JUDGE STEARLEY: Hearing none, we'll  
7 conclude the recorded portion of the prehearing conference  
8 and I'll leave you-all to your discussions.

9 WHEREUPON, the recorded portion of the  
10 prehearing conference was concluded.

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2 STATE OF MISSOURI )  
3 ) ss.  
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5 I, Kellene K. Feddersen, Certified  
6 Shorthand Reporter with the firm of Midwest Litigation  
7 Services, and Notary Public within and for the State of  
8 Missouri, do hereby certify that I was personally present  
9 at the proceedings had in the above-entitled cause at the  
10 time and place set forth in the caption sheet thereof;  
11 that I then and there took down in Stenotype the  
12 proceedings had; and that the foregoing is a full, true  
13 and correct transcript of such Stenotype notes so made at  
14 such time and place.

15 Given at my office in the City of  
16 Jefferson, County of Cole, State of Missouri.

17 Kellene K. Feddersen, RPR, CSR, CCR  
18 Notary Public (County of Cole)  
19 My commission expires March 28, 2009.  
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