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Prehearing Conference
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Andrew and Naomi Topps,)
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Complainants,)
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v.) Case No. GC-2006-0450
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Laclede Gas Company,)
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Respondent.)

CHERLYN D. VOSS, Presiding,
REGULATORY LAW JUDGE

REPORTED BY:
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FOR: The Staff of the Missouri Public
Service Commission

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

2 JUDGE VOSS: We'll go on the record.

3 Good morning. We're here for the prehearing
4 conference in Commission Case Number GC-2006-0450, In
5 the Matter of the Complaint of Andrew and Naomi Topps
6 against Laclede Gas Company.

7 My name is Cheryl Voss. I'm the
8 regulatory judge assigned to hear the case. Let's
9 begin with entries of appearance, the representative
10 of the Topps, followed by Laclede, the Commission
11 Staff and Public Counsel. Ms. Topps?

12 MS. ANDREA TOPPS: Yes.

13 JUDGE VOSS: Just state your name and
14 address for the record, please.

15 MS. ANDREA TOPPS: Andrea Topps,
16 5782 DeGiverville, St. Louis, Missouri 63112.

17 JUDGE VOSS: And you are the daughter of
18 Andrew and Naomi Topps?

19 MS. ANDREA TOPPS: Yes.

20 JUDGE VOSS: And you filed the complaint
21 on their behalf?

22 MS. ANDREA TOPPS: Yes.

23 JUDGE VOSS: Okay. Commission Staff?
24 I'm sorry, Rick. Laclede?

25 MR. ZUCKER: Yeah. This is Rick Zucker,

1 Z-u-c-k-e-r, on behalf of Laclede Gas Company,
2 720 Olive Street, Suite 1516, St. Louis, Missouri
3 63101.

4 JUDGE VOSS: Commission Staff?

5 MR. REED: Steven Reed for the Staff of
6 the Public Service Commission, P.O. Box 360,
7 Jefferson City, Missouri 65102.

8 JUDGE VOSS: Office of the Public
9 Counsel?

10 MR. POSTON: I'm Marc Poston appearing
11 for the Office of the Public Counsel, P.O. Box 2230,
12 Jefferson City, Missouri 65102.

13 JUDGE VOSS: Okay. Everyone, the
14 primary purpose of this prehearing conference is to
15 get the parties together to give them an opportunity
16 to discuss discovery issues, settlement negotiations
17 and, if necessary, work out a procedural schedule.

18 The hearing calendar is very booked as
19 far out as April. The good news is they are going to
20 soon have this room web-casting-capable, so we'll be
21 able to double-book if necessary.

22 I have provided Staff and Public Counsel
23 with copies of the Commission's calendar so they can
24 work out dates and be aware of things that might be
25 in conflict.

1 And I know there are some serious issues
2 alleged in this case which may require significant
3 discovery. If you need any months past February
4 printed out to do a procedural schedule, just let me
5 know. I can print them out and bring them down for
6 you.

7 Are there any additional issues the
8 parties would like to address before going off the
9 record?

10 (NO RESPONSE.)

11 JUDGE VOSS: Hearing none, this
12 concludes the on-the-record portion of the
13 presentation.

14 (WHEREUPON, the recorded portion of the
15 prehearing conference was concluded.)

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1 CERTIFICATE OF REPORTER

2 STATE OF MISSOURI)
3) ss.
4 COUNTY OF COLE)

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6 I, PAMELA FICK, RMR, RPR, CSR, CCR #447,
7 within and for the State of Missouri, do hereby
8 certify that the witnesses whose testimony appear in
9 the foregoing hearing was duly sworn by me; that
10 the testimony of said witnesses were taken by me to
11 the best of my ability and thereafter reduced to
12 typewriting under my direction; that I am neither
13 counsel for, related to, nor employed by any of the
14 parties to the action to which this hearing was
15 conducted, and further that I am not a relative or
16 employee of any attorney or counsel employed by the
17 parties thereto, nor financially or otherwise
18 interested in the outcome of the action.

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