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Prehearing Conference

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Volume 1

In the Matter of Laclede Gas)
Company's Application to Establish) File No. GO-2012-0363
Depreciation Rates for Enterprise)
Computer Software Systems)

RONALD D. PRIDGIN, Presiding,

SENIOR REGULATORY LAW JUDGE.

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

2 (WHEREUPON, the prehearing conference began
3 at 2:01 p.m.)

4 JUDGE PRIDGIN: Good afternoon. We are on
5 the record. This is the prehearing conference in File
6 No. GO-2012-0363, in the matter of Laclede Gas Company's
7 application to establish depreciation rate for Enterprise
8 computer software systems.

9 I am Ron Pridgin. I am the Regulatory Law
10 Judge assigned to preside over this prehearing conference.
11 It's being held at about two o'clock in the afternoon,
12 June 6, 2012. We are in the Governor Office Building in
13 Jefferson City, Missouri, and we may have somebody joining
14 us by telephone from St. Louis shortly.

15 I would like to get entries of appearance
16 from counsel, please, beginning with Staff.

17 MS. TOMPKINS: I believe I gave my entry of
18 appearance. Goldie Tompkins appearing on behalf of the
19 Missouri Public Service Commission, P.O. Box 360,
20 Jefferson City, Missouri 65102.

21 JUDGE PRIDGIN: Ms. Tompkins, thank you.
22 On behalf of Laclede Gas Company, please.

23 MR. PENDERGAST: Michael C. Pendergast and
24 Rick Zucker on behalf of Laclede Gas Company. Our
25 business address is 720 Olive Street, St. Louis, Missouri

1 63101.

2 JUDGE PRIDGIN: Mr. Pendergast, thank you.

3 On behalf of the Office of the Public Counsel, please.

4 MR. POSTON: Thank you. Marc Poston
5 appearing for the Office of the Public Counsel and the
6 public, P.O. Box 2230, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102.

7 JUDGE PRIDGIN: Mr. Poston, thank you. Is
8 there anyone else wishing to enter an appearance? All
9 right. Hearing none.

10 I am substituting for Judge Woodruff, who
11 is out today. In looking at the file, I don't see any
12 pending motions, and I also don't see the usual
13 requirement of filing a proposed procedural schedule a
14 week after the prehearing conference.

15 Is there anything that the parties need to
16 bring to my attention before we go off the record and I
17 allow you to talk?

18 MR. PENDERGAST: Your Honor, the only thing
19 I would say at this point is that we have had a number of
20 discussions over the last couple of months. You know,
21 certainly from the company's perspective, it's going to be
22 our goal of trying to see if we can reach a stipulation
23 and agreement that would resolve these matters without the
24 necessity for a procedural schedule, but if not, I think
25 we'll all be prepared to go ahead and come up with one

1 that will hopefully allow the Commission to make a
2 determination by October 1st of this year, which is when
3 the main first element of this new Enterprise system goes
4 into operation.

5 JUDGE PRIDGIN: Okay. Mr. Pendergast,
6 thank you. I certainly don't intend to push the parties.
7 There's no hurry on my side if you don't want to file a
8 schedule any time soon. Just glancing over the order, I
9 noticed that the usual paragraph was missing, and I
10 assumed there's a good reason for it. It sounds like the
11 parties have been talking and may continue to talk. I'd
12 certainly encourage that.

13 Is there anything else I can do for the
14 parties before I excuse myself?

15 MR. PENDERGAST: I don't think so.

16 JUDGE PRIDGIN: Okay. If you need me, I'm
17 up on the ninth floor, of course, as is the hearing
18 calendar. If there's nothing further from counsel, we
19 will then go off the record in the prehearing conference
20 in File No. GO-2012-0363. Thank you. We are off the
21 record.

22 (WHEREUPON, the recorded portion of the
23 prehearing conference concluded at 2:04 p.m.)

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I, Kellene K. Feddersen, Certified
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at the proceedings had in the above-entitled cause at the
time and place set forth in the caption sheet thereof;
that I then and there took down in Stenotype the
proceedings had; and that the foregoing is a full, true
and correct transcript of such Stenotype notes so made at
such time and place.

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

Kellene K. Feddersen, RPR, CSR, CCR

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