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

2 JUDGE WOODRUFF: Well, good afternoon,
3 everyone, and welcome to the prehearing conference
4 today. This is Case No. GC-2008-0009 which is the
5 case of Paula Gianella versus Laclede Gas Company and
6 we're here today for a prehearing conference. And
7 we'll begin with entries of appearance beginning with
8 Laclede.

9 MR. ZUCKER: This is Rick Zucker,
10 Z-u-c-k-e-r, here on behalf of Laclede Gas Company,
11 720 Olive Street, St. Louis, Missouri 63101.

12 JUDGE WOODRUFF: And for Staff?

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

16 JUDGE WOODRUFF: Paula Gianella is here
17 on the phone representing herself; is that correct?

18 MS. GIANELLA: Correct.

19 JUDGE WOODRUFF: Okay. Very good.
20 Well, the reason I asked you to take part in this
21 prehearing conference today is just to give you-all a
22 chance to discuss this and maybe reach some resolution
23 on the overall case, but if that's not possible, I need
24 to have you give me an idea of how soon you want to be
25 able to have a hearing. And we can do that a couple

1 of different ways.

2 Sometimes the parties want to have
3 prefiled testimony. Other times we just have a
4 hearing and hear everything live at the hearing. And
5 the other parties can explain that a little bit more
6 to you later, Ms. Gianella, if they'd like to give
7 you that opportunity.

8 And the other question that needs to be
9 resolved is, first of all, of course, when we want to
10 have a hearing, if you just want to pick a date. If
11 you can't pick a date, I'll pick a date for you. I
12 assume we'll be looking at something after the
13 holidays, but that's up to you.

14 MS. GIANELLA: Right, I go for treatment
15 every day so ...

16 JUDGE WOODRUFF: So you want to wait for
17 a while on that.

18 MS. SHEMWELL: We'll work with
19 Ms. Gianella too, to see if we can't arrange
20 something that's satisfactory to her.

21 JUDGE WOODRUFF: That would be great.
22 And we now have technology available to us that we
23 can have a -- set up an electronic link with our
24 office in St. Louis so that part of the hearing can
25 take place here in Jefferson City and then anyone who

1 wants to take place -- take part in the hearing from
2 St. Louis can do it from St. Louis.

3 MS. GIANELLA: Okay. Great.

4 JUDGE WOODRUFF: So that makes it a little
5 bit better. And it's better quality than just doing it
6 on the phone because you can actually see each other.

7 MR. ZUCKER: And is that -- that on
8 the -- the Page Road office?

9 JUDGE WOODRUFF: I -- Lera is shaking her
10 head saying yes. I've never actually done this yet.

11 MS. SHEMWELL: Page Road is the only
12 office that I'm aware of over there, and it's easily
13 accessible off 270, and so I think it probably is.
14 They have a conference room there.

15 MR. ZUCKER: Okay. That's interesting.

16 JUDGE WOODRUFF: And Mr. Zucker, as
17 an aside, for that other case that we have, I'll
18 probably set up the same arrangements for that one.

19 MR. ZUCKER: Okay.

20 JUDGE WOODRUFF: Another case entirely,
21 Ms. Gianella.

22 MS. GIANELLA: Okay.

23 JUDGE WOODRUFF: Well, what I would like
24 you to do, then, is to discuss this today amongst
25 yourselves. I'm gonna leave the room here in a moment

1 and we'll go off the record, but if you can give me a
2 proposal what you want to have done, as far as the
3 hearing, by a week from today, which would be the 11th.

4 MS. SHEMWELL: That will be fine. Thank
5 you, Judge.

6 JUDGE WOODRUFF: Okay. Anything else
7 anyone wants to bring up while we're still on the
8 record?

9 MS. GIANELLA: I provided Lera with a
10 copy of a comparison between my house and a friend
11 of mine's house because I have talked to her about
12 what her bills are. I know that Laclede has done
13 comps in the area, but basically I live here by
14 myself so the comps that they have done reflect
15 houses that have larger families because most of
16 the houses around this area there are kids involved,
17 and I provided that to Lera.

18 I also cautioned that there may be some
19 typos primarily because I am fatigued and I don't do
20 the -- I'm a little dull right now, your Honor, but
21 the records can be verified through the St. Louis
22 County Assessor's.

23 And what I did was I did a comparable
24 between the two properties. And there's a significant
25 difference between the square footage, and I do know

1 that the people, the Browns, I know that primarily
2 it's two individuals.

3 But they also sometimes take care of as
4 many as four grandchildren, so I think that might be
5 similar. But they have a larger house. They have
6 more room and so forth.

7 JUDGE WOODRUFF: All right. I don't
8 need to know the details at this point, but Lera has
9 indicated she has that here.

10 MS. SHEMWELL: And I'll let Ms. Gianella
11 know we will make that comparison and visit about it
12 during the prehearing conference after we go off the
13 record.

14 JUDGE WOODRUFF: Okay. Anything from
15 Laclede, Mr. Zucker?

16 MR. ZUCKER: No, your Honor.

17 JUDGE WOODRUFF: All right. Well, with
18 that, then, the on-the-record portion of this
19 proceeding is adjourned and we're off the record at
20 this point.

21 (WHEREUPON, the recorded portion of the
22 prehearing conference was concluded.)

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