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17 Respondent.)
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1 P R O C E E D I N G S

2 JUDGE VOSS: Good morning, we're here for
3 the pre-hearing conference in Commission Case No.
4 GC-2007-0451 in the matter of Doris House versus
5 Laclede Gas Company. I'm Cherlyn Voss, I'm the
6 Regulatory Law Judge assigned to hear this case.

7 And we're going to begin by taking entries of
8 appearance.

9 When the company gives their address, you can
10 choose to give counsel's entry or enter your address,
11 whichever you are more comfortable with.

12 Beginning with you, Mr. Zucker.

13 MR. ZUCKER: Rick Zucker, Z-U-C-K-E-R, here
14 on behalf of Laclede Gas Company, 720 Olive Street,
15 St. Louis, Missouri 63101.

16 MR. ROBINSON: James Robinson on behalf of
17 Doris House. I've given my business address to all
18 parties, including the court stenographer, and I'm
19 here on behalf of Doris House. Her resident address
20 is 5928 A Julian, 63112.

21 JUDGE VOSS: And let the record show that
22 it is 10:07, and neither counsel for the Staff or
23 Office of the Public Counsel are present.

24 The primary purpose of this pre-hearing is to
25 bring the parties together to discuss the

1 possibilities for settlement, or to schedule a
2 hearing, or any other evidentiary procedures that need
3 to be addressed.

4 We do occasionally do testimony, a lot of times
5 there is not a need for pre-file testimony live at
6 hearing, whatever you are more comfortable with. And
7 if you have any questions about what pre-file
8 testimony entails, I will leave here and hunt down a
9 Staff attorney, he may be able to answer those
10 questions.

11 If there aren't any additional matters that you
12 need me to discuss on the record, we'll go off the
13 record and let you guys conduct settlement or
14 procedural issues. If you need me for anything, I'm
15 at 751-3966 upstairs.

16 MR. ZUCKER: Thank you, Judge.

17 JUDGE VOSS: And I'm Cherlyn Voss.

18 MR. ROBINSON: I'd like to state on the
19 record; Miss House has some additional information,
20 which I think is pertinent in that it wasn't in the
21 initial complaint. However, everyone has to mitigate
22 their circumstances in some kind of manner, and
23 attempting to mitigate after --

24 JUDGE VOSS: This is not a place to take
25 evidence. I'm not allowed to take evidence. But

1 something you can talk about --

2 MR. ROBINSON: But I think it's relevant to
3 the fact that Miss House has discovered a leak.

4 JUDGE VOSS: I feel pretty comfortable with
5 this because Laclede is on the phone, but this isn't
6 really the opportunity to take evidence. You can file
7 an amended complaint if you like, or if we go to a
8 hearing you can admit that evidence. But I would
9 really suggest that you cover the basics and file an
10 amended complaint with that information.

11 MR. ROBINSON: We didn't have time, because
12 we discovered it --

13 MS. HOUSE: Recently.

14 MR. ROBINSON: -- in the last couple days.

15 JUDGE VOSS: That is something you can --
16 off the record -- discuss with Mr. Zucker. And then,
17 again, whatever you guys bring to this, if you need to
18 file an amended complaint, or you may agree to a
19 certain amount of time they have to respond to it,
20 like 30 days, to keep this ball rolling. Or
21 Mr. Zucker might see something in new evidence that
22 would persuade him to settle. Whatever you decide to
23 take care of, but I'm not allowed to hear ex parte.

24 This concludes the on-the-record portion of this
25 pre-hearing conference. I'll be here if you need me

1 for anything else. I'm going to find Staff counsel
2 and get a copy of our current hearing schedule if you
3 need to look at the dates.

4 We are off the record.

5 (WHEREIN, the recorded portion of the pre-hearing
6 conference was concluded.)

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