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In The Matter of Laclede Gas Company's Application for Authority to Issue and Sell First Mortgage Bonds, Unsecured Debt and Preferred Stock, and to Issue Common Stock and Receive Capital Contributions

File No. GF-2015-0181

RONALD D. PRIDGIN, Presiding SENIOR REGULATORY LAW JUDGE

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1	JUDGE PRIDGIN: Good morning. We are on the						
2	record. This is the prehearing conference in Case Number						
3	GF-2015-0181 in the Matter of the Laclede Gas Company's						
4	Verified Application to Reestablish and Extend the Financing						
5	Authority Previously Approved By the Commission.						
6	I am Ron Pridgin. I'm the regulatory law judge						
7	assigned to preside over this prehearing conference being held						
8	on July 14, 2015 at 10:00 in the morning. We're at the						
9	Governor Office Building in Jefferson City, Missouri.						
10	Could I get entries of appearance from Counsel,						
11	please, beginning with the Staff of the Commission.						
12	MR. THOMPSON: Thank you, Judge. Kevin A.						
13	Thompson for the Staff of the Missouri Public Service						
14	Commission, Post Office Box 360, Jefferson City, Missouri						
15	65102.						
16	JUDGE PRIDGIN: Mr. Thompson, thank you.						
17	On behalf of the Office of the Public Counsel,						
18	pl ease.						
19	MS. BAKER: Thank you. Christina Baker,						
20	P.O. Box 2230, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102, appearing on						
21	behalf of the Office of the Public Counsel and the customers.						
22	JUDGE PRIDGIN: Ms. Baker, thank you.						
23	On behalf of Laclede Gas Company, please.						
24	MR. ZUCKER: Rick Zucker, Z-U-C-K-E-R, 700 Market						
25	Street, Sixth Floor, St. Louis, Missouri 63101, here on behalf						

1	of Laclede Gas Company.						
2	JUDGE PRIDGIN: Mr. Zucker, thank you.						
3	And I don't recall any pending applications to						
4	intervene or any other parties. Have I overlooked anyone who						
5	wi shes to enter an appearance?						
6	All right. Hearing nothing, I don't recall any						
7	pending motions or anything that requires my attention before I						
8	let the parties talk.						
9	Is there anything Counsel needs to bring to my						
10	attenti on?						
11	All right. Hearing nothing and I Counsel, you						
12	could refresh my memory. I don't recall if my order setting a						
13	prehearing conference required a proposed procedural schedule.						
14	Normally I would ask for one in about a week, but I don't						
15	recall if my order set one or if the parties						
16	MR. ZUCKER: I don't think it did, but that was						
17	sort of our expectation.						
18	JUDGE PRIDGIN: All right. It's my understanding,						
19	then, that unless I hear otherwise, I would get a proposed						
20	schedule or competing proposed schedules in about a week?						
21	MR. THOMPSON: Yes, sir.						
22	JUDGE PRIDGIN: Very good. So I'll be looking for						
23	those on the 21st. I am on the Ninth Floor, if anybody needs						
24	to talk to me. Also, the Commission's calender is on the Ninth						
25	Floor. I'll warn you, I have another prehearing set for						

1	tomorrow, and I expect that case to go to hearing and for						
2	parties to ask for a hearing pretty quickly. So you may be						
3	competing for dates that I would be able to hear this should it						
4	go to hearing. So I'll let you know my calendar is getting						
5	pretty full, and I'm sure yours is as well.						
6	Anything else from Counsel before we go off the						
7	record?						
8	MR. ZUCKER: No, Your Honor.						
9	JUDGE PRIDGIN: All right. Hearing nothing, we						
10	will go off the record. That's the conclusion of the						
11	prehearing in GF-2015-0181. Thank you. We are off the record.						
12	(Off the record.)						
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