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JUDGE THOMPSON: Good morning, ladies and gentlemen. We're here for Case No. GR-2002-356, In the Matter of Laclede Gas Company's Tariff to Revise Natural Gas Rate Schedules.

My name is Kevin Thompson. I'm the Regulatory Law Judge assigned to preside at this matter, and we have been here this morning marking exhibits. And I think we will take oral entries of appearance from counsel at this time. We'll begin with Laclede.

MR. ZUCKER: For Laclede Gas Company, Michael C. Pendergast and Rick Zucker, Z-u-c-k-e-r, 720 Olive Street, Suite 1524, St. Louis, Missouri 63101; and James Swearngen, S-w-e-a-r-e-n-g-e-n, Brydon, Swearngen & England, 312 East Capitol Avenue, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102.

JUDGE THOMPSON: Thank you.

Staff?

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

JUDGE THOMPSON: Thank you.

1 Public Counsel?

2 MR. COFFMAN: Appearing on behalf of the  
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6 JUDGE THOMPSON: Thank you.

7 Do the parties have anything to bring to my  
8 attention at this time?

9 MR. THOMPSON: I don't think so, your Honor.

10 JUDGE THOMPSON: Very well. I can only think  
11 of one matter that perhaps merits discussion, which is we  
12 have evidence in support of those issues which have been  
13 resolved through a Stipulation & Agreement.

14 It's my understanding the parties have agreed  
15 that these items are going to become part of the record, and  
16 I simply wanted to ask, when did you-all want to do that?  
17 In other words, at the end of the hearing are you going to  
18 offer all of these items, or are you going to do it at the  
19 beginning of the hearing? Do you want to do it now?

20 MR. SWEARENGEN: My suggestion would be, and  
21 this is just kind of jumping in here, is that we do it at  
22 the end because we'll know what issues are being tried and  
23 contested. Those witnesses will get on the stand. We'll  
24 deal with their testimonies and exhibits and schedules, and  
25 then when we're finished with that we'll know what's left

1 and that would be in support of the stipulation and we could  
2 do it as a housekeeping matter at that time, if that's  
3 agreeable.

4 JUDGE THOMPSON: That's certainly fine with  
5 me. Is that all right with everyone else?

6 MS. SHEMWELL: Yes, Judge.

7 JUDGE THOMPSON: I also understand we're going  
8 to go right into an on-the-record presentation regarding the  
9 Stipulation & Agreement at the end of the testimony next  
10 week; is that correct?

11 MS. SHEMWELL: That's correct, Judge, unless  
12 we were to end, for example, late on Wednesday, then we  
13 could -- Thursday morning we could start. Yes. And we're  
14 prepared to go forward with that.

15 JUDGE THOMPSON: Very well. I guess then we  
16 have covered everything we need to cover. There being  
17 nothing further, we will adjourn and I will see you at nine  
18 o'clock tomorrow morning.

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