

**STATE OF MISSOURI  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
JEFFERSON CITY  
November 9, 1999**

**CASE NO: GO-99-155**

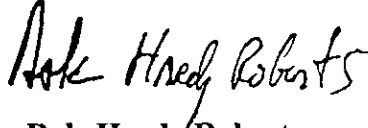
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**Enclosed find certified copy of ORDER in the above-numbered case(s).**

**Sincerely,**



**Dale Hardy Roberts**  
**Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge**

**Uncertified Copy:**

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**  
**OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

In the Matter of the Adequacy of Laclede Gas            )  
Company's Service Line Replacement Program and        ) Case No. GO-99-155  
Leak Survey Procedures.                                        )

**ORDER SETTING PREHEARING CONFERENCE**  
**AND REQUIRING FILING OF PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE**

On August 31, 1999, Staff filed a memorandum outlining its evaluation of the adequacy of Laclede Gas Company's (Laclede) current direct-buried copper service line replacement program and the effectiveness of Laclede's leak survey procedures and investigations. On October 6, 1999, Laclede filed its response to the Staff memorandum. Staff filed a response to Laclede's filing on October 29, 1999. On the same date, Staff also filed a Motion to Establish Expedited Procedural Schedule, suggesting that the Commission schedule a hearing for the purpose of resolving the remaining issues between the parties. On November 5, 1999, Laclede filed a Response to Staff's Motion to Establish Procedural Schedule in which it joins in Staff's recommendation that the Commission schedule a prehearing conference.

The Commission will schedule a prehearing conference to afford the parties the opportunity to discuss, define, and possibly resolve the issues presented in this case, or at least to agree on a procedural schedule. The Commission will also set a date for the filing of a proposed procedural schedule to ensure that this case progresses in a timely manner.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

1. That a prehearing conference will be held on November 22, 1999, at 10:00 a.m. at the Commission's offices on the fifth floor of the Harry S Truman State Office Building, 301 West High Street, Jefferson City, Missouri.

2. That anyone with special needs as addressed by the Americans with Disabilities Act who plans to attend the prehearing conference should contact the Missouri Public Service Commission at least ten (10) days prior to the prehearing at one of the following numbers: Consumer Services Hotline - 1-800-392-4211, or TDD Hotline - 1-800-829-7541.

3. That the parties shall file a proposed procedural schedule no later than December 7, 1999.

4. That this order shall become effective on November 19, 1999.

**BY THE COMMISSION**



**Dale Hardy Roberts  
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge**

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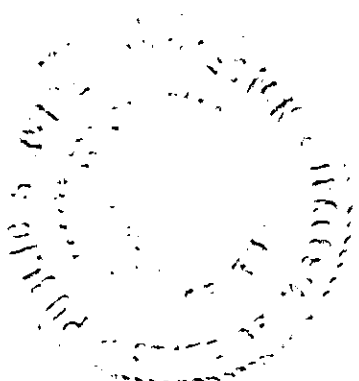
Vicky Ruth, Regulatory Law Judge,  
by delegation of authority pursuant  
to 4 CSR 240-2.120(1) (November 30,  
1995) and Section 386.240, RSMo 1994.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,  
on this 9th day of November, 1999.

**STATE OF MISSOURI  
OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**I have compared the preceding copy with the original on file in this office and  
I do hereby certify the same to be a true copy therefrom and the whole thereof.**

**WITNESS my hand and seal of the Public Service Commission, at Jefferson  
City, Missouri, this 09th day of November 1999.**



*Dale Hardy Roberts*

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**Dale Hardy Roberts  
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge**