

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

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| In the Matter of the Application of Laclede              | ) |                      |
| Gas Company for an Accounting Authority Order            | ) |                      |
| Authorizing the Company to Defer for Future Recovery     | ) | Case No. GA-2002-429 |
| Consideration its Just and Reasonable Costs of Providing | ) |                      |
| Public Utility Service that would otherwise be           | ) |                      |
| Unrecovered due solely to the Extraordinary Impact of    | ) |                      |
| Record Warm Weather on the Company's Operations          | ) |                      |

**PROPOSED PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE**

COME NOW Laclede Gas Company ("Laclede" or "Company"), the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Staff"), the Office of Public Counsel ("Public Counsel"), Paper, Allied-Industrial, Chemical, and Energy Workers Local No. 5-6, AFL-CIO ("Local 5-6"), Paper, Allied-Industrial, Chemical, and Energy Workers Local No. 5-194, AFL-CIO ("Local 5-194")<sup>1</sup>, the Missouri Energy Group,<sup>2</sup> and the Missouri Industrial Energy Consumers ("MIEC")<sup>3</sup>, and for their proposed procedural schedule for the above referenced case, state as follows:

1. On April 16, 2002, the Commission issued an Order Denying Request for Expedited Treatment, Scheduling Prehearing Conference and Denying Motion to Consolidate in the above-captioned case. In this Order, the Commission scheduled a prehearing conference for April 30, 2002. The Order further instructed the parties to be

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<sup>1</sup> On March 18, 2002, Local 5-6 and Local 5-194 filed a joint Application to Intervene in support of Laclede's Application for an Accounting Authority Order.

<sup>2</sup> The Missouri Energy Group consists of Barnes-Jewish Hospital, Emerson Electric Company, SSM HealthCare, and St. John's Mercy Health Care. The Missouri Energy Group filed an Application to Intervene on April 3, 2002.

<sup>3</sup> The members of MIEC are Adam's Mark Hotel, Alcoa Foil Products, Anheuser-Busch, The Boeing Company, DaimlerChrysler, Ford Motor, General Motors, Hussmann Refrigeration, Monsanto, Procter & Gamble Manufacturing, Nestle Purina PetCare, Solutia and Tyco Healthcare. MIEC filed its Application to Intervene on April 24, 2002.

prepared to discuss at the prehearing conference whether this matter can be determined via oral argument or whether prefiled testimony would be necessary.

2. At the prehearing conference, the applications to intervene filed by Locals 5-6 and 5-194, the Missouri Energy Group and MIEC were all granted. In addition, Staff and Public Counsel represented that, in their view, questions of fact existed that required an evidentiary hearing.

3. At the close of the prehearing conference, the parties were directed to submit a proposed procedural schedule by May 10, 2002. The parties hereto concur in the following schedule<sup>4</sup>:

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| Direct Testimony (Laclede)                           | May 15, 2002 (4:00 p.m.)  |
| Rebuttal Testimony                                   | June 28, 2002 (4:00 p.m.) |
| Prehearing Conference                                | July 2, 2002              |
| Surrebuttal Testimony (Laclede)                      | July 15, 2002 (4:00 p.m.) |
| Joint Issues Statement (All Parties)                 | July 17, 2002             |
| Position Statement, Witness Lists,<br>Order of Cross | July 26, 2002             |
| Evidentiary Hearing                                  | August 6-8, 2002          |
| Post-Hearing Briefs                                  | August 23, 2002           |
| Reply Briefs   | September 9, 2002         |

4. In addition, Laclede requests that the Commission issue its decision in this matter by September 30, 2002, so that there would be sufficient time to reflect any rate

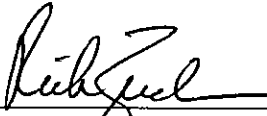
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<sup>4</sup> Laclede and Public Counsel have not proposed a date for conducting the oral argument requested by Public Counsel on Laclede's Motion to Strike Public Counsel's Motion to Dismiss Laclede's Application in this case, because it was their understanding based on a recent agenda meeting that an order scheduling such oral argument would be issued by the Commission in the near future.

impacts of such decision in the true-up hearing in Case No. GR-2002-356, which hearing is scheduled for October 8, 2002.

WHEREFORE, the undersigned parties respectfully request that the Commission order the proposed procedural schedule set forth above.


Respectfully submitted,



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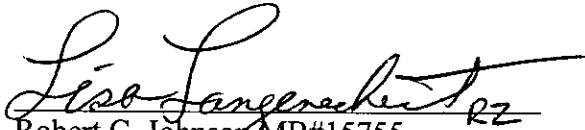
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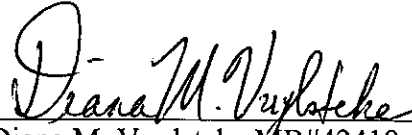
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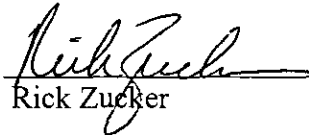
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**Certificate of Service**

The undersigned certifies that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Proposed Procedural Schedule was served on all parties of record on this 10th day of May, 2002 by hand-delivery or by placing a copy of such document, postage prepaid, in the United States mail.

  
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