

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

Myron Lockhart,)	
)	
Complainant,)	
)	
v.)	
)	
Laclede Gas Company)	<u>File No. GC-2012-0078</u>
)	
and)	
)	
Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren)	
Missouri)	
)	
Respondents.)	

**ORDER GIVING NOTICE OF CONTESTED CASE
AND DIRECTING ANSWERS**

Issue Date: September 13, 2011

Effective Date: September 13, 2011

On September 12, 2011, Myron Lockhart filed a complaint against Laclede Gas Company ("Laclede") and Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri ("Ameren Missouri"). A copy of the complaint accompanies this notice. This is a contested case¹ pursuant to Section 386.390, RSMo 2000, although the statutes and Commission regulations allow for a decision without a hearing.²

The Commission will set a deadline for Laclede and Ameren Missouri to file answers. The Commission will also send a copy of its procedural rules to the Complainant. The Commission's discovery rules are located at 4 CSR 240-2.090.

¹ A "[c]ontested case' means a proceeding before an agency in which legal rights, duties or privileges of specific parties are required by law to be determined after hearing." Section 536.010.4, RSMo Supp. 2009.

² Sections 536.060 and 536.063, RSMo 2000; Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.115.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The Commission's Data Center shall send, by certified mail, a copy of this notice and order, and a copy of the complaint, to the legal departments of Laclede Gas Company and Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri at the addresses on file with the Commission.
2. The Data Center shall also send a copy of the Commission's procedural rules to the Complainant.
3. No later than October 13 2011, Laclede Gas Company and Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri shall file answers to this complaint.
4. This order shall become effective immediately upon issuance.

BY THE COMMISSION



Steven C. Reed
Secretary

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Harold Stearley, Senior Regulatory Law Judge
by delegation of authority pursuant to
Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 13th day of September, 2011.