

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

William Wehrle,)	
)	
Complainant,)	
v.)	<u>File No. GC-2013-0361</u>
)	
Laclede Gas Company,)	
)	
Respondent)	

ORDER DISMISSING COMPLAINT

Issue Date: June 11, 2014

Effective Date: July 11, 2014

On January 22, 2013, William Wehrle filed a complaint against Laclede Gas Company. Laclede filed its answer and the Commission set a date for a prehearing conference. To allow the parties an opportunity to resolve the complaint and to afford the Staff of the Commission an opportunity to investigate and file a report, the Commission cancelled the prehearing conference and set it for a later date.

After a prehearing conference was held on May 17, 2013, the Commission, aware of ongoing settlement efforts, directed Laclede to file a status report. Laclede did so on October 31, 2013. In its report, Laclede informed the Commission of failed efforts to reach Mr. Wehrle. The Commission then directed Mr. Wehrle to file a statement informing the Commission of the status of the case.

On December 20, 2013, Mr. Wehrle informed the Commission of his desire to respond but that he was hampered by developing medical problems with his wife, problems with insurance companies, doctors and billing administrators. He asked that the Commission allow 30 days for his response. More than five months have expired.

Commission rule 4 CSR 240-2.116 (2) states that “cases may be dismissed for lack of prosecution if no action has occurred for 90 days.” Much more than 90 days have expired and there has been no action in this file. The Commission will therefore dismiss this case.

If, however, Mr. Wehrle is later able to respond he may do so under this case number. His filing will reopen the case and the Commission will proceed accordingly.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. This complaint is dismissed without prejudice.
2. This order shall become effective on July 11, 2014.
3. This file shall be closed on July 12, 2014.



BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Morris L. Woodruff".

Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

Kennard L. Jones, Senior Regulatory
Law Judge, by delegation of authority
pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 11th day of June, 2014.