

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

Norman Harrold,)	
)	
Complainant,)	
)	
v.)	<u>Case No. GC-2007-0311</u>
)	
Laclede Gas Company,)	
)	
Respondent.)	

ORDER GRANTING STAFF'S REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO
FILE RECOMMENDATION

Issue Date: April 24, 2007

Effective Date: April 24, 2007

Norman Harrold filed a formal complaint against Laclede Gas Company ("Laclede") on February 22, 2007.¹ On February 23, the Commission notified Laclede of the complaint and allowed it thirty days in which to answer as provided by 4 CSR 240-2.070(7). The same day, pursuant to 4 CSR 240-2.070(10), the Commission ordered its Staff to commence an investigation of Mr. Harrold's formal complaint and to file a report concerning the results of its investigation no later than three weeks after Laclede filed its answer to the complaint.

Although its answer to Mr. Harrold's complaint was due on March 26, Laclede did not file it until March 28.² Thus, Staff's report and recommendation were due three weeks

¹ All dates specified in this order refer to the calendar year 2007.

² Filed along with Laclede's answer was a motion requesting that the Commission grant Laclede leave to file its answer out-of-time. The Commission granted that motion on March 29.

later, on April 18. On April 20, Staff filed its Request for Additional Time to File. In this pleading, Staff avers that it has learned, after discussions with both Laclede and Mr. Harrold, that settlement negotiations are ongoing and a settlement is possible. For this reason, Staff proposes that it be given until May 9 to file its report and recommendation.

The Commission finds Staff's request, as well as its explanation for the minor two-day delay in filing its request for an extension of time until May 9, to be reasonable. Therefore, the request will be granted.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. Staff's Request for Additional Time to File is granted. Assuming the case does not settle before then, Staff shall file a report concerning the results of its investigation of Norman Harrold's formal complaint against Laclede Gas Company no later than May 9, 2007.
2. This order shall become effective on April 24, 2007.

BY THE COMMISSION



Colleen M. Dale
Secretary

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Benjamin H. Lane, Regulatory Law
Judge, by delegation of authority
under Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 24th day of April, 2007.