

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

Daniel J. Sebelski,	)	
	)	
Complainant,	)	
	)	
v.	)	<u>Case No. GC-2008-0237</u>
	)	
Laclede Gas,	)	
	)	
Respondent.	)	

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

Issue Date: February 28, 2008

Effective Date: February 28, 2008

Daniel J. Sebelski filed a formal complaint against Laclede Gas Company ("Laclede") on January 18, 2008.¹ On January 24, 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. Sebelski's formal complaint and to file a report concerning the results of its investigation no later than one week after Laclede filed its answer to the complaint.

Laclede timely filed its answer to Mr. Sebelski's complaint on February 25. Thus, the due date for Staff's report and recommendation was March 3. On February 27, Staff filed its Request for Extension of Time to File Staff's Report of Investigation. In this pleading,

¹ All dates specified in this order refer to the calendar year 2008.

Staff avers that it has been advised by Laclede that the company is attempting to resolve this case with Mr. Sebelski and that they have reached a settlement in principle, but need additional time to finalize it. For those reasons, Staff proposes to file its report and recommendation by March 17 if the case has not settled before then.

Since Staff's request is authorized by Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.050(3)(A) and "the law favors settlements and compromises based upon valid considerations,"² the Commission finds the request to be reasonable under the circumstances and will grant it.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. Staff's Request for Extension of Time to File Staff's Report of Investigation is granted. Assuming the case does not settle before then, Staff shall file a report concerning the results of its investigation of Daniel J. Sebelski's formal complaint against Laclede Gas Company by no later than March 17, 2008.

2. This order shall become effective on February 28, 2008.

BY THE COMMISSION



Colleen M. Dale
Secretary

(S E A L)

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

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 28th day of February, 2008.

² *Miners' & Farmers' Bank of Aurora v. American Bonding Co.*, 186 S.W. 1139, 1140 (Mo. App. S.D. 1916). See also *Sanger v. Yellow Cab Co.*, 486 S.W.2d 477, 481 (Mo. banc 1972) (internal quotation marks omitted) ("The law favors settlements fairly made.")