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

George Poole,		)	
	Complainant,	)	
V.		)	File No. GC-2011-0405
Laclede Gas Company,	Respondent	)	

## ORDER SETTING PREHEARING CONFERENCE

Issue Date: August 16, 2011 Effective Date: August 16, 2011

George Poole has filed a complaint against Laclede Gas Company. Laclede has answered and the Staff of the Commission has investigated and filed its report. In its answer, Laclede has also moved to dismiss a portion of the complaint as being outside of the Commission's jurisdiction.

This matter is now at issue and a prehearing conference and procedural schedule are appropriate to ensure a prompt resolution. At the prehearing conference, the parties or their representatives should be prepared to discuss the nature of any discovery each will conduct and the interval necessary for its completion; the number of witnesses each expects to call at hearing; the number and nature of any exhibits each expects to offer at hearing; the anticipated length of the hearing; and, the current status of settlement negotiations. The parties or their representatives should also be prepared to discuss Laclede's motion to dismiss a portion of the complaint. It is expected that the prehearing conference will provide an opportunity for the parties to further pursue settlement discussions.

## THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

- 1. A prehearing conference shall be held on October 26, 2011, at the Wainwright State Office Building, 111 North 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 105, St. Louis, Missouri beginning at 10:00 a.m.
  - 2. This order shall become effective upon issuance.

BY THE COMMISSION

Steven C. Reed Secretary

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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 16th day of August, 2011.