

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

Thomas LeCuru,)	
)	
Complainant,)	
)	
v.)	<u>Case No. GC-2007-0372</u>
)	
Laclede Gas Company,)	
)	
Respondent.)	

ORDER SUSPENDING PROCEEDINGS AND DIRECTING FILING

Issue Date: August 23, 2007

Effective Date: August 23, 2007

On August 14, 2007, the Commission issued an Order Scheduling Prehearing Conference and Directing Filing of a Proposed Procedural Schedule, in which a prehearing conference was scheduled for September 4, 2007, with a procedural schedule to follow on or before September 24, 2007. On August 17, 2007, Laclede Gas Company filed a Motion to Suspend Procedural Schedule in this case. In support of its motion, Laclede stated that it had reached an agreement in principle with Mr. LeCuru to resolve this Complaint. Laclede asked the Commission to suspend the procedural schedule to allow the Company and Mr. LeCuru time to finalize the agreement and, if appropriate, for Mr. LeCuru to withdraw his complaint. Laclede indicated that Mr. LeCuru agrees to this approach.

Subsequent to Laclede's August 17th motion, the regulatory law judge received a request from Laclede to attend the September 4th prehearing conference by phone. In response, a phone port was established for September 4th and a Notice of Phone-in

Attendance Option was issued. The Commission was subsequently able to confirm that the phone-in option was requested as a precaution in case the Commission did not grant Laclede's motion to suspend the proceedings. Laclede advised the judge that it still believes the complaint has been resolved and asks the Commission to suspend the proceedings for 30 days to allow time to finalize an agreement with Mr. LeCuru. The Commission finds Laclede's request to be reasonable and shall grant it.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. The prehearing currently scheduled for September 4, 2007, is cancelled.
2. In the event the Complaint is not dismissed on or before October 4, 2007, the parties will file either a proposed procedural schedule or motion to set a prehearing conference on that date.
3. This order shall become effective on August 23, 2007.

BY THE COMMISSION



Colleen M. Dale
Secretary

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Cherlyn D. Voss, Regulatory Law Judge,
by delegation of authority pursuant to
Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 23rd day of August, 2007.