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In the Matter of Laclede)
Gas Company's Tariff)
Designed to Permit Early)
Implementation of Cold)Case No. GT-2009-0026
Weather Rule Provision and to)
Permit Laclede to Collect Bad)
Debt through the PGA)

MORRIS L. WOODRUFF, Presiding,
DEPUTY CHIEF REGULATORY LAW JUDGE.

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1 P R O C E E D I N G S

2 JUDGE WOODRUFF: Welcome, everyone, to
3 this prehearing conference in Case No. GT-2009-0026,
4 which is in regard to the tariff of Laclede Gas
5 Company. We'll begin today by taking entries of
6 appearance, beginning with Laclede.

7 MR. PENDERGAST: Thank you, your Honor.
8 Michael C. Pendergast and Rick E. Zucker, Laclede Gas
9 Company. Our business address is 720 Olive Street,
10 St. Louis Missouri, 63101.

11 JUDGE WOODRUFF: Thank you. And for the
12 Staff.

13 MS. SHEMWELL: Lera Shemwell representing
14 the Staff of the Commission, Post Office Box 360,
15 Jefferson City, Missouri, 65102.

16 JUDGE WOODRUFF: Office of Public
17 Counsel.

18 MR. POSTON: Marc Poston, appearing for
19 the Office of the Public Counsel and the public.

20 JUDGE WOODRUFF: Thank you very much. I
21 believe that's all the parties. I called this
22 prehearing conference basically to give the parties
23 a chance to get together and first of all hopefully
24 resolve all this and give the Commission some -- an
25 agreement. But if you can't do that, then I'd like

1 to have a procedural schedule by next Tuesday,
2 August 26th.

3 I wanted to ask the parties if -- to
4 discuss today whether there are any facts at issue in
5 this case or whether this is simply a legal counsel
6 issue that we can possibly resolve on -- doing
7 motions for summary determination or some method like
8 that. If we can avoid having a hearing or something,
9 we can always do it faster.

10 MR. PENDERGAST: I think we really ought
11 to talk about that today and see what factual
12 disputes, if any, there really are, and, you know, if
13 there aren't any factual differences, or even if
14 there are, try to work maybe on a stipulation of
15 facts so we can narrow the factual disputes down as
16 much as we can and, you know, avoid as much of the
17 hearing time here at the Commission, which I know is
18 in short reserve, that we can.

19 JUDGE WOODRUFF: Especially when you
20 start getting into October and November. We have
21 three rate cases in a row.

22 MR. PENDERGAST: We've seen that, yeah.

23 MS. SHEMWELL: I know the Staff has data
24 requests out and we're waiting for a response on
25 those so -- and I think Office of the Public Counsel

1 also has some data requests out. Probably before we
2 would discuss a stipulation of facts, we would want
3 responses to those.

4 JUDGE WOODRUFF: Okay. Well, is there
5 anything else anybody wants to bring up while we're
6 on the record?

7 (NO RESPONSE.)

8 JUDGE WOODRUFF: All right. Then I'll
9 leave you to your discussions. Thank you all very
10 much.

11 (WHEREUPON, the recorded portion of the
12 prehearing conference was concluded.)

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