

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

Linda T. Nelson and Vernon Ball,)	
)	
Complainants,)	
v.)	<u>File No. GC-2011-0394</u>
)	
Laclede Gas Company,)	
)	
Respondent)	

**ORDER DIRECTING COMPLAINANTS
TO FILE A STATEMENT OF INTENTION TO PROCEED
WITH THIS COMPLAINT**

Issue Date: November 22, 2011

Effective Date: November 22, 2011

On October 28, 2011, the Missouri Public Service Commission held a prehearing conference. Complainants, Linda T. Nelson and Vernon Ball, failed to attend. Under Commission rule 4 CSR 240-2.116 (3), a party may be dismissed from a case for failure to comply with a Commission order and failure to appear at a prehearing conference.

On November 9, the Commission directed Complainants to file a statement, no later than November 18, informing the Commission of why this matter should not be dismissed. Complainants filed a statement on November 21, further setting out the complaint. The Commission, however, must determine whether it is Complainants' intention to proceed with this complaint by participating in a prehearing conference.

The Commission will therefore direct Complainants to file a statement specifically indicating whether they intend to participate in a prehearing conference. This conference is necessary to process this complaint and to proceed to an evidentiary hearing. Again, Complainants' failure to participate in the process, as directed by the Commission, may lead to a dismissal of this complaint.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. Complainants, Linda T. Nelson and Vernon Ball, shall file a statement, as described in the body of this order, no later than December 2, 2011.
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 22nd day of November, 2011.