

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

In the Matter of the Application of Laclede Gas            )  
Company for an Accounting Authority Order            )  
Authorizing the Company to Defer for Future            ) **Case No. GU-2007-0138**  
Recovery the Costs of Complying with the            )  
Permanent Amendment to the Commission's            )  
Cold Weather Rule    )

**ORDER ADOPTING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE**

Issue Date: March 10, 2008

Effective Date: March 10, 2008

On March 10, 2008, the Staff of the Commission, Laclede Gas Company, and the Office of the Public Counsel jointly filed a proposed procedural schedule. Since the parties have agreed to the proposed schedule, the Commission will adopt it.

The Commission notes that the proposed schedule is intentionally vague about exactly what course the case will take. This vagueness is necessary because the parties continue to work toward a settlement while the Commission faces an April 28 statutory deadline to act. The proposed schedule is flexible enough to allow the parties to continue to negotiate, while giving the Commission the time to make a decision if that becomes necessary. The Commission will, however, add a provision requiring the parties to agree upon and file a list of issues to be heard, the witnesses to appear on each day of the hearing, the order in which they will be called, and the order of cross-examination for each witness. Any issue not contained in this list of issues will be viewed as uncontested and

not requiring resolution by the Commission. The list of issue need be filed only if a hearing is necessary.

**IT IS ORDERED THAT:**

1. The following procedural schedule is established:

**Stipulation and Agreement**

**Or**

**Stipulation of Facts**

**Or**

**Prepared Testimony**

**- March 24, 2008**

**List of Issues, Statements of Position,**

**List of Witnesses, and**

**Order of Cross-Examination**

**(Necessary only if a hearing is required) -**

**March 26, 2008**

**Hearing (if necessary)**

**- March 31, 2008,  
beginning at 8:30 a.m.**

**Transcript Filed**

**- April 2, 2008**

**Post-Hearing Briefs**

**- April 7, 2008**

2. The hearing will be held at the Commission's office at the Governor Office Building, Room 310, 200 Madison Street, Jefferson City, Missouri. This building meets accessibility standards required by the Americans with Disabilities Act. If you need additional accommodations to participate in this hearing, please call the Public Service Commission's Hotline at 1-800-392-4211 (voice) or Relay Missouri at 711 before the hearing.

3. This order shall become effective on March 10, 2008.

**BY THE COMMISSION**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Colleen M. Dale', written in a cursive style.

Colleen M. Dale  
Secretary

( S E A L )

Morris L. Woodruff, Deputy Chief Regulatory  
Law Judge, by delegation of authority pursuant  
to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,  
on this 10<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2008.