

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

Margaret Scott,	)	
	)	
Complainant,	)	
	)	
v.	)	<b><u>Case No. GC-2015-0284</u></b>
	)	
Laclede Gas Company,	)	
	)	
Respondent	)	

**REQUEST FOR ORDER DIRECTING PREHEARING CONFERENCE**

**COMES NOW** the Staff in Response and for its request that the Commission issue its Order Directing that a Prehearing Conference be scheduled states:

1. On May 4, 2015, Margaret Scott (Complainant) filed a formal complaint against Laclede Gas Company ("Laclede").
2. On May 4, 2015, the Commission issued its *Order Directing Staff to File Recommendation* no later than June 19, 2015
3. On June 8, 2015, Laclede filed a *Motion to Permit Late-Filed Answer* and *Answer* to the Commission.
4. On June 18, 2015, Staff filed its *Report and Recommendation* to the Commission.
5. On June 22, 2015, the Commission issued an *Order Setting Prehearing Conference* scheduled for July 2, 2015, to be held at the Wainwright State Office Building, 111 North 7th Street, Suite 105, St. Louis, Missouri.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> The original Commission order set the pre-hearing conference date for July 3, 2015, a federal holiday. The Commission issued an *Amended Order Setting Prehearing Conference* for July 2, 2015.

6. On July 2, 2015, Complainant failed to make appearance at the pre-hearing conference.

7. On July 14, 2015, a pre-hearing conference was rescheduled for July 24, 2015.

8. On July 23, 2015, counsel for Laclede, Mr. Rick Zucker, circulated to all parties an e-mail informing them that an agreement with the complainant had been reached for the withdrawal of her complaint. The following day Mr. Zucker verified communications with the Complainant and Commission that no pre-hearing conference would be necessary as the parties were able to reach an agreement. No pre-hearing conference was held.

9. As there has yet to be a withdrawal of the complaint submitted to the Commission, Staff requests that the Commission schedule a pre-hearing conference in which the parties may discuss whether the matter may be settled.

**WHEREFORE**, the Staff requests the Commission set a prehearing conference so the parties may discuss whether this matter may be settled.

Respectfully submitted,

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed with first-class postage, hand-delivered, transmitted by facsimile or electronically mailed to all counsel of record this 14th day of August, 2015.

**/s/ Hampton Williams**