

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

Craig A. Smith,)	
)	
Complainant,)	
)	
v.)	<u>File No. GC-2015-0147</u>
)	
Laclede Gas Company,)	
)	
Respondent.)	

**ORDER GRANTING REQUEST FOR WAIVER OF SMALL FORMAL
COMPLAINT RULES**

Issue Date: November 25, 2015

Effective Date: November 25, 2015

On November 13, 2015, the Commission's Staff filed a *Request for Waiver of Small Formal Complaint Rules*. Staff requests a waiver from the Commission's rule, 4 CSR 240-2.070(15)(D), which prohibits Staff from advocating a position in a small formal complaint, beyond the reporting of the results of its investigation. Subsection (D) of the rule does allow Staff to file a motion to change the small formal complaint status under subsection (B) of the rule if it seeks to advocate a position. Staff also seeks a waiver of subsection (B). Staff states that such a filing under 4 CSR 240-2.070(15)(B) will cause undue delay or undercut current efforts by the parties to reach a resolution.

Staff states that allowing a waiver of subsections (B) and (D) is fair to all parties and allows Staff to address alleged regulatory violations and underlying issues in Mr. Smith's complaint. 4 CSR 240-2.080(13) allows parties to file a response to Staff's request within ten days of the filing. No responses were received. The Commission finds good causes

exists to grant Staff's request. A waiver will allow Staff to address issues in the proposed stipulation and agreement while not delaying a resolution of Mr. Smith's complaint.

The Commission will grant Staff's requested waiver.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. Staff is granted a waiver of Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.070(15)(B) and (D) and is authorized to advocate a position in this small formal complaint.
2. This order shall be effective when issued.



BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Morris L. Woodruff".

Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

Kim S. Burton, Regulatory Law Judge,
by delegation of authority
pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 25th day of November 2015.