

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

Norman Harrold,)	
)	
Complainant,)	
v.)	Case No. GC-2007-0311
)	
Laclede Gas Company,)	
Respondent.)	

STATUS REPORT

COMES NOW Laclede Gas Company (“Laclede” or “Company”) and submits this Status Report, stating as follows:

1. On June 11, 2007, the Commission issued its Order Directing Filing (the “Order”) in which it directed Laclede to file by June 14 an appropriate pleading concerning the status and progress of its settlement negotiations with the Complainant, Mr. Harrold. In response, Laclede states that, at this time, it appears that a settlement is unlikely, and recommends that the Commission proceed with administration of the complaint case.

2. In the Order, the Commission was critical of Staff’s repeated requests for additional time to file its recommendation in this case. Staff made these requests based upon its representation that settlement of the case was possible. In Staff’s defense, Laclede believed, and communicated to Staff, that not only was settlement possible, but that it was imminent, being delayed only by confirmation that the Complainant was satisfied with certain information sent to him in response to his request, and by an illness in the Complainant’s family. Only in the past several days has it become apparent that a settlement will not occur.

3. Therefore, Staff's assertion of the possibility of settlement was not only true, but was in fact conservative. Staff's requests to delay the filing of its recommendation was appropriate and beneficial to all parties. Unfortunately, in this case, Staff's patience did not result in a final settlement.

4. Although it now appears that a settlement will not occur, Laclede asserts that no party will be harmed by the Commission's approval of Staff's Request for Additional Time, and the filing by Staff of a Recommendation by June 26.

WHEREFORE, Laclede respectfully requests that the Commission accept this Status Report and issue an order proceeding with administration of this complaint case, pursuant to the recommendations herein.

Respectfully submitted,

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Certificate of Service

The undersigned certifies that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Status Report was served on the Complainant, the Commission Staff and the Office of Public Counsel on this 14th day of June, 2007 by United States mail, hand-delivery, email, or facsimile.

/s/ Gerry Lynch