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6 TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS  
7 Pre-hearing Conference  
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9 Jefferson City, Missouri  
10 Volume 1  
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12 Dr. Hortense Lucinda Harrison, )  
13 Complainant, )  
14 ) Case No.  
15 v. ) GC-2008-0041  
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16 Laclede Gas Company )  
17 Respondents. )

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19 CHERLYN VOSS, Presiding,  
20 REGULATORY LAW JUDGE  
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1 P R O C E E D I N G S

2 JUDGE VOSS: Good morning, we're here for a  
3 pre-hearing conference in Commission Case No.  
4 GC-2008-0041 in the matter of the complaint of  
5 Dr. Harrison versus Laclede Gas Company.

6 My name is Cherlyn Voss, I'm the Regulatory Law  
7 Judge assigned to this case, and I will be presiding  
8 over the conference today.

9 We'll begin with entries of appearance, beginning  
10 with Dr. Harrison.

11 All you have to do is state your name for the  
12 record.

13 DR. HARRISON: Dr. Hortense Harrison.

14 JUDGE VOSS: Could you spell that for the  
15 court reporter?

16 DR. HARRISON: Sure. Hortense;  
17 H-O-R-T-E-N-S-E. Last name Harrison; H-A-R-R-I-S-O-N.

18 JUDGE VOSS: On behalf of Laclede.

19 MR. ZUCKER: This is Rick Zucker appearing  
20 for Laclede Gas Company, 720 Olive Street, St. Louis,  
21 Missouri.

22 JUDGE VOSS: On behalf of the Commission  
23 Staff.

24 MR. BAKER: Blane Baker appearing on behalf  
25 of the Staff of the Missouri Public Service

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2 65102.

3 JUDGE VOSS: Office of the Public Counsel.

4 MR. POSTON: Mark Poston representing the  
5 Office of the Public Counsel and the public, P.O. Box  
6 2230, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102.

7 JUDGE VOSS: The primary purpose of the  
8 pre-hearing conference is to get the parties together  
9 to give them an opportunity to discuss discovery  
10 issues or settlement negotiations, and if necessary  
11 work out a procedural schedule. Accordingly, the  
12 parties have been directed to file a procedural  
13 schedule by November 15th.

14 A lot of times I'll do live testimony instead of  
15 pre-file testimony, which we do in some of the bigger  
16 cases. If you have any questions about that, you can  
17 ask Staff or Public Counsel what that entails.

18 DR. HARRISON: I have no idea.

19 JUDGE VOSS: That means they can give  
20 support to either side. Basically, for the Commission  
21 to base an opinion on something it has to be part of  
22 an official case record done under sworn statement.

23 The things that are filed, until they are admitted  
24 into evidence in the hearing, they can't technically  
25 be considered. It's one of those crazy legal

1 requirements. I'm sure it made sense somewhere along  
2 the line.

3 Are there any additional issues we need to address  
4 before we go off the record?

5 MS. DOERHOFF: I just want to introduce  
6 myself, I'm Marilyn Doerhoff. Sorry I'm late.

7 JUDGE VOSS: Did you hear that, Mr. Zucker?

8 MR. ZUCKER: Hello, Marilyn.

9 DR. HARRISON: And Marilyn is with --

10 JUDGE VOSS: She's with the Staff.

11 MR. POSTON: She wrote the recommendation.

12 JUDGE VOSS: If there are no additional  
13 issues to address on the record we'll go off the  
14 record, and this will conclude the on the record  
15 portion of the pre-hearing conference.

16 DR. HARRISON: Thank you.

17 MR. BAKER: Thank you, Judge.

18 (WHEREIN, the recorded portion of the pre-hearing  
19 conference was concluded.)

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4 I, Mindy Vislay, Certified Court Reporter with the  
5 firm of Midwest Litigation Services, and Notary Public  
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