

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of Laclede Gas Company's)
Verified Application for Authority to Issue and Sell)
First Mortgage Bonds, Unsecured Debt and Preferred Stock,)
in Connection with a Universal Shelf Registration Statement,) **File No. GF-2009-0450**
to Issue Common Stock and Receive Capital Contributions,)
to issue or accept Private Placement Securities, and)
to Enter Into Capital Leases, all in a Total Amount)
Not to Exceed \$600 Million)

ORDER GRANTING CONTINUANCE, AND AMENDING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

Issue Date: March 30, 2010

Effective Date: March 30, 2010

The Missouri Public Service Commission is granting the *Motion for Continuance of Evidentiary Hearing* ("motion") and adjusting the procedural schedule.

This matter is set for hearing on April 8, 2010. The Commission's staff ("Staff") filed a motion for continuance on March 26, 2010, citing the Commission's regulation allowing the regulatory law judge assigned to this case to continue the hearing for "good cause."¹ As good cause, Staff states that it seeks to depose two Laclede witnesses as to certain matters that arose in pre-filed rebuttal testimony and, in support, attaches notices of deposition and subpoenas duces tecum. The Commission's regulations provide that the parties may have discovery.² Further, to accommodate such discovery, Staff suggests amendments to the procedural schedule and an extension of Laclede's temporary financing authority.

On March 29, 2010, Laclede Gas Company ("Laclede") filed its *Response in Opposition to Staff's Motion for Continuance of Evidentiary Hearing*. Laclede disagrees

¹ 4 CSR 240-2.110(2).

² 4 CSR 240-2.090(1).

that deposing its witnesses will be productive, and states that data requests are available to Staff. But Laclede shows no prejudice in altering the schedule accordingly and has not sought to quash the notices of deposition and subpoenas duces tecum.

Therefore, the Commission concludes that Staff has shown good cause for the continuance. The Commission will adjust the procedural schedule accordingly. Such adjustments will include replacing position statements with pre-hearing briefs.

The Commission will rule on the extension of temporary financing authority³ by separate order.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The scheduling order issued February 8, 2010, is amended as follows:

Event	Party	Date
Pre-Hearing Briefs	All Parties	April 13, 2010
Evidentiary Hearing	All Parties	April 20, 2010
Post-Hearing Briefs	All Parties	May 14, 2010

2. This order shall be effective immediately on issuance.

BY THE COMMISSION



Steven C. Reed
Secretary

(S E A L)

Daniel Jordan, Regulatory Law Judge,
by delegation of authority pursuant
to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 30th day of March 2010.

³ Such temporary authority is scheduled to expire on May 15, 2010.