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12 Clyde Bradford, )  
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13 Complainant, )  
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14 v. ) Case No. GC-2007-0382  
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15 Laclede Gas Company, )  
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16 Respondent. )

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REGULATORY LAW JUDGE

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1 P R O C E E D I N G S

2 JUDGE LANE: Good morning, ladies and  
3 gentlemen. It's about 9:24 on Monday, July the 30th,  
4 2007, and we're here today for the second prehearing  
5 conference in Case No. GC-2007-0382. That's Clyde  
6 Bradford vs. Laclede Gas Company. And my name is Benjamin  
7 Lane. I'm the Regulatory Law Judge assigned to this case.

8 The Commission by Order dated July 12th of  
9 this year set this second prehearing conference. And  
10 Mr. Bradford, I know you part-- everyone on the line  
11 today, and we'll take appearances in just a moment,  
12 appeared at the first prehearing conference.

13 So I'm not going to go through some of the  
14 details that I did last time as to the purposes of this  
15 and the types of things that can be achieved in a  
16 prehearing conference because we already made -- already  
17 indicated that last time. And I think everyone involved  
18 knows what work we have left to do and to take this  
19 opportunity to do it.

20 MR. BRADFORD: Okay.

21 JUDGE LANE: So before we proceed any  
22 further, I know that you filed written entries of  
23 appearance, but before we proceed any further, if we could  
24 go ahead and take oral entries of appearance. Let's start  
25 with Mr. Bradford now. Mr. Bradford, you're representing

1     yourself in this matter; is that correct?

2                     MR. BRADFORD:   Yes.   At this time, yes.

3                     JUDGE LANE:   All right.   For the Staff of  
4     the Commission?

5                     MR. BERLIN:   Robert S. Berlin and Sarah  
6     Kliethermes appearing on behalf of the Staff of the  
7     Missouri Public Service Commission, Post Office Box 360,  
8     Jefferson City, Missouri 65102.

9                     JUDGE LANE:   Thank you very much.  
10    Appearing for Laclede Gas?

11                    MR. ZUCKER:   Rick Zucker, Z-u-c-k-e-r,  
12    appearing for Laclede Gas Company, 720 Olive Street,  
13    St. Louis, Missouri 63101.

14                    JUDGE LANE:   Thank you, Mr. Zucker.   And  
15    appearing for the Office of Public Counsel?

16                    MR. POSTON:   Thank you.   Marc Poston  
17    appearing for the Office of the Public Counsel and the  
18    public, P.O. Box 2230, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102.

19                    JUDGE LANE:   Mr. Poston, thank you.

20                    MR. BERLIN:   And, Judge, I'd like to also  
21    mention for the record that the Staff also has present Gay  
22    Fred, the customer service manager, and Marilyn Doerhoff,  
23    the customer service representative who have been working  
24    on this case.

25                    MR. BERLIN:   Thank you very much.   I very

1 much appreciate their presence today because you've got  
2 two people who are very knowledgeable about this case that  
3 have followed it in its earlier stages. And,  
4 Mr. Bradford, they are here, as is everyone, to assist in  
5 attempting to resolve this case if that's going to be  
6 possible, and they have information, and I know you've  
7 exchanged additional information.

8                   Since this is the second prehearing  
9 conference, as I mentioned right before -- as I mentioned  
10 earlier, I probably won't be here too awfully long. I  
11 think everyone knows why we're here and what we're  
12 attempting to accomplish, and we have individuals here who  
13 are knowledgeable about this case.

14                   And this provides -- the reason the  
15 Commission granted this second prehearing conference is  
16 that after we had the first one back on June the 19th,  
17 there was additional information that was determined after  
18 that first prehearing conference that some additional  
19 information needed to be gathered. And I think,  
20 Mr. Bradford, you had indicated at that time that that  
21 would be helpful to have the sides get some more  
22 information bearing on your complaint, and so -- regarding  
23 your billing records.

24                   So the Commission granted this second  
25 prehearing conference to give the parties another

1 opportunity to determine settlement possibilities in this  
2 matter or, in the alternative, to develop a procedural  
3 schedule, because the Commission's Order setting this  
4 second prehearing conference also required the parties to  
5 jointly prepare and file a proposed procedural schedule no  
6 later than August the 6th, which is not too far away.

7                   So, Mr. Bradford, do you understand what  
8 we're here to do -- or what we're here to do today?

9                   MR. BRADFORD: Yes, I understand.

10                  JUDGE LANE: And this gives you an  
11 opportunity. Do you understand why we're here today?

12                  MR. BRADFORD: Yes, I do.

13                  JUDGE LANE: Thank you very much. And I  
14 know, Mr. Zucker, that you do and Staff and OPC as well.  
15 So I want to thank the parties for their indulgence for  
16 the brief delay that we had this morning getting all  
17 hooked up, but we have finally made it.

18                  And unless there are any other questions or  
19 concerns, I'm going to leave the room. We're going to  
20 close the on-the-record portion of this prehearing  
21 conference. I'm going to allow you, the parties, to  
22 discuss this matter amongst yourself. Open, frank  
23 discussion is what we're looking for, compromise if it's  
24 possible, if it's reasonable. That's always -- that's  
25 always favored.

1                   Any questions of me before we close the  
2 on-the-record portion and I leave?

3                   MR. BRADFORD: No.

4                   JUDGE LANE: Hearing none, thank you very  
5 much again, and have a good prehearing, and you will be  
6 hearing from me -- well, I imagine I'll be hearing from  
7 the parties later about the -- about what transpired at  
8 this and possibly either a procedural schedule or other  
9 additional actions that might be appropriate.

10                  Thank you very much. We're off the record.

11                  WHEREUPON, the recorded portion of the  
12 prehearing conference was concluded.

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4 COUNTY OF COLE )

5 I, Kellene K. Feddersen, Certified  
6 Shorthand Reporter with the firm of Midwest Litigation  
7 Services, and Notary Public within and for the State of  
8 Missouri, do hereby certify that I was personally present  
9 at the proceedings had in the above-entitled cause at the  
10 time and place set forth in the caption sheet thereof;  
11 that I then and there took down in Stenotype the  
12 proceedings had; and that the foregoing is a full, true  
13 and correct transcript of such Stenotype notes so made at  
14 such time and place.

15 Given at my office in the City of  
16 Jefferson, County of Cole, State of Missouri.

17 Kellene K. Feddersen, RPR, CSR, CCR  
18 Notary Public (County of Cole)  
19 My commission expires March 28, 2009.  
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