

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

Renee Anderson,)	
)	
Complainant,)	
)	
v.)	<u>Case No. GC-2008-0176</u>
)	
Laclede Gas Company,)	
)	
Respondent.)	

ORDER DENYING MOTION FOR DETERMINATION
ON THE PLEADINGS

Issue Date: April 21, 2008

Effective Date: May 1, 2008

On November 21, 2007, Renee Anderson filed a complaint with the Missouri Public Service Commission against Laclede Gas Company. In her complaint, Ms. Anderson alleged that Laclede improperly held her responsible for payment of charges owed by another person. Ms. Anderson further alleged that this improper transfer of debts was the basis for Laclede to wrongfully refuse to establish service at her new residence without a deposit.

On December 20, 2007, Laclede filed its answer to the complaint. In its answer Laclede denied any wrongdoing and stated that its actions regarding Ms. Anderson were in compliance with all applicable Commission Rules and its tariff.

On January 18, 2008, the Commission's Staff filed a report concerning its investigation of Ms. Anderson's complaint. Staff found no violation of statute, Commission

Rule, Commission Order, or Laclede tariff provision. Staff contended that Ms. Anderson is responsible for payment of the bill in dispute and that her complaint should be dismissed.

Laclede filed a Motion for Summary Determination or, Alternatively, for Determination on the Pleadings on March 10, 2008. Laclede asserted that Ms. Anderson's complaint should be dismissed because Laclede has fulfilled, and in some cases exceeded, each of the requests for relief contained in Ms. Anderson's Complaint. Alternately, Laclede contended that it is entitled to summary determination because there remains no issue of material fact in that Ms. Anderson admitted she resided at the address where the disputed charges were incurred during the period for which those charges were billed.

On April 10, 2008, Ms. Anderson filed a response objecting to the motion for summary determination. No other responses were filed.

Having reviewed and considered Laclede's motion and Ms. Anderson's response thereto, the Commission finds that Ms. Anderson should be afforded an opportunity to present her case through an evidentiary hearing and produce additional evidence to support her case.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. Laclede Gas Company's Motion for Summary Determination, or Alternatively, for Determination on the Pleadings is denied.

2. This order shall become effective on May 1, 2008.

BY THE COMMISSION



Colleen M. Dale
Secretary

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Cherlyn D. Voss, Regulatory Law Judge,
by delegation of authority pursuant to
Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 21st day of April, 2008.