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14 Robert Kenney, Commissioner
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1 JUDGE WOODRUFF: Good afternoon, everyone.
2 Welcome to this afternoon's local public hearing.
3 This is file GR2010-0171. It concerns Laclede Gas
4 Company's request for a rate increase. And let me
5 start by introducing our commissioners who are here
6 with me. To the right is Commissioner Gunn.

7 COMMISSIONER GUNN: Thanks everybody for
8 coming out. We appreciate it. We look forward to
9 hearing what you have to say.

10 JUDGE WOODRUFF: On my left is Commission
11 Robert Kenney.

12 COMMISSIONER KENNEY: Good afternoon,
13 everybody, and thank you for participating in the
14 process. We look forward to hearing your testimony.

15 JUDGE WOODRUFF: As it may have been
16 explained earlier. These are two of the five
17 commissioners. The commissioners who aren't able to
18 be here today will have a transcript of the testimony,
19 and we're also videotaping it over here, and that will
20 eventually be on the commission's web site. Before we
21 start taking testimony, I'll ask the commissioners if
22 they have any welcoming comments?

23 COMMISSIONER GUNN: Just that this is a
24 very important part of the process. It's kind of the
25 middle part of the process. After this we have

1 evidentiary hearings, which are scheduled for August
2 2nd through the 13th. Your comments become part of
3 the record and they are reviewed by the other
4 commissioners. This is the last of five local public
5 hearings that we had in Laclede Gas' service
6 territory, and the comments have been interesting. So
7 we certainly appreciate everybody coming here, and we
8 assure you what you have to say will be considered by
9 the commission.

10 JUDGE WOODRUFF: Let me ask first if there
11 are any attorneys representing the parties. Anyone
12 here for Laclede.

13 MR. ZUCKER: Yes, Your Honor. Rick Zucker
14 here on behalf of Laclede Gas Company, 720 Olive
15 Street, St. Louis, Missouri, 63101.

16 JUDGE WOODRUFF: Office of the public
17 counsel?

18 MR. POSTON: Thanks. Mark Poston
19 representing the Office of Public Counsel and the
20 public.

21 JUDGE WOODRUFF: Anyone here for the staff.

22 MS. SLACK: Annette Slack, chief litigation
23 counsel for the Public Service Commission.

24 JUDGE WOODRUFF: Thank you. Now, at this
25 point, there was a sign-up sheet out front for people

1 to sign up to testify. There were no names on there
2 when I came in. Is there anyone in the audience who
3 would like to testify at this point and tell the
4 commission what they feel about this case. I don't
5 see anyone raising their hand. All right. Well,
6 thank you all for coming then. Yes, ma'am?

7 UNKNOWN SPEAKER: I am a reporter. May I
8 ask a question? Is this the appropriate time?

9 JUDGE WOODRUFF: We can't answer questions
10 directly unless it's a rhetorical question, and that's
11 probably not what you're looking for as a reporter,
12 but you can come up and talk to the commissioners
13 afterwards and they may be able to answer some
14 questions for you. All right. With that, then we are
15 adjourned.

16 COMMISSIONER GUNN: Just to remind
17 everybody that is here from the public, the
18 evidentiary hearing will be webcast on our website
19 www.psc.mo.gov. They are scheduled August 2nd through
20 the 13th. So, feel free to watch the proceedings on
21 line.

22 JUDGE WOODRUFF: Thank you all for coming.
23 We're adjourned.

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