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CASE NO: GO-2000-394

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Enclosed find certified copy of an ORDER in the above-numbered case(s).

Sincerely,

Dale Hardy Roberts

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Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of Laclede Gas Company's Experimental) Case No. GO-2000-394 Price Stabilization Fund.

ORDER GRANTING MOTION TO MODIFY PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

On February 13, 2001, the Commission issued its order modifying the experimental Price Stabilization Program. In this order, the Commission directed the parties to file a proposed procedural schedule to address whether the experimental Price Stabilization Program should be continued for a fourth year. On March 7, 2001, the parties filed their proposed procedural schedule, which the Commission adopted by order issued March 14, 2001. The procedural schedule provides for an evidentiary hearing to be held November 8-9, 2001.

On August 23, 2001, the Staff of the Commission filed, on behalf of the parties, a Motion to Modify Procedural Schedule. The motion indicates that the parties anticipate that discovery in response to direct testimony will not be completed until September 6, 2001. The parties request an extension of the dates for the filing of rebuttal testimony, surrebuttal testimony, the issues list, and the position statements, and they request that the evidentiary hearing be moved from November 8-9, 2001, to November 19-21, 2001. Staff notes that the parties agree to respond to data requests to rebuttal and surrebuttal testimony within ten days.

The Commission has reviewed the proposed modifications to the procedural schedule and finds that it is appropriate to reschedule the evidentiary hearing to



November 19-21, 2001, as requested. However, the Commission will amend the parties' proposed modifications to the remaining procedural dates. The Commission finds that it would be aided in its preparation for the hearing if the list of issues were filed prior to the parties' filing of surrebuttal testimony. After surrebuttal testimony has been filed, the parties may file a motion to amend the list of issues, if necessary. The Commission will also direct that the position statements be filed earlier than suggested by the parties. Furthermore, the Commission will schedule an additional prehearing conference to be held the week before the hearing. Should the Commission find that this prehearing conference is not necessary, it will be canceled by a separate order.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the procedural schedule is amended as follows:

Event	Date
All parties' rebuttal testimony	October 5, 2001 4:00 p.m.
List of issues, list of witnesses, order of witnesses, and order of cross-examination	October 18, 2001 4:00 p.m.
All parties' surrebuttal testimony	November 1, 2001 4:00 p.m.
Position statements	November 7, 2001 4:00 p.m.
Prehearing conference	November 14, 2001 10:00 a.m.
Evidentiary hearing	November 19-21, 2001 8:30 a.m.

2. That the parties shall respond to data requests to rebuttal and surrebuttal testimony within ten days.

- 3. That a prehearing conference will be held in Room 305 of the Governor Office Building, 200 Madison Street, Jefferson City, Missouri, on November 14, 2001, beginning at 10:00 a.m. The Governor Office Building meets accessibility standards required by the Americans With Disabilities Act. If any person needs additional accommodations to participate in the prehearing, please call the Public Service Commission's Hotline at 1-800-392-4211 (voice) or 1-800-829-7541 (TDD) prior to the prehearing.
 - 4. That this order shall become effective on September 15, 2001.

BY THE COMMISSION

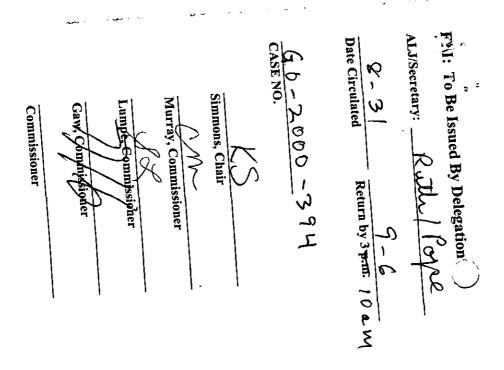
Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

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Vicky Ruth, Senior Regulatory Law Judge, by delegation of authority pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri, on this 5th day of September, 2001.



STATE OF MISSOURI

OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

I have compared the preceding copy with the original on file in this office and I do hereby certify the same to be a true copy therefrom and the whole thereof.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the Public Service Commission, at Jefferson City,

Missouri, this 5th day of Sept. 2001.

Dale Hardy Roberts

Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

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