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

2 JUDGE JONES: Case No. GR-20130171. My name is Kennard  
3 Jones I'm a regulatory law judge over this Laclede rate case.  
4 To my left is commissioner Steve Stoll. Commissioner, would you  
5 like to make a statement?

6 COMMISSIONER STOLL: The only thing I'd like to say  
7 thank you to the gentleman who came out here today to take part  
8 in the public hearing, and if he would like to make a statement  
9 eventually or if anyone else comes in, we do look forward to  
10 hearing what any citizen who wants to comment or has to say.  
11 The transcript will be shared with the other three commissioners  
12 that currently sit on the commission, and again, thanks cor  
13 coming out taking the time to do this.

14 JUDGE JONES: Okay. At this time, let's take entry of  
15 appearances, beginning with Laclede.

16 MR. ZUCKER: Thank you, Your Honor, Rick Stoker here  
17 on behalf of Laclede Gas Company

18 JUDGE JONES: And the office of public counsel.

19 MR. POSTON: Thank you, Marc Poston, Office of Public  
20 Counsel.

21 JUDGE JONES: And staff for the commission

22 MS. WOOLERY: Meghan Woolery for the staff of the  
23 Missouri Public Service Commission.

24 JUDGE JONES: With that being said, are there any  
25 individuals represented here today? I don't see anyone. With

1 that I realize there's only one person here today, I don't know  
2 if he wants to make comments on the record or not. Would you  
3 like to make comments on the record.

4 MR. JAMES: Yes, I would.

5 JUDGE JONES: And well, what I'll have you do is come  
6 up here to the microphone, I'll swear you in, and then you can  
7 make the comments you wish to make and if the commissioner has  
8 any questions, we'll ask at that time.

9 (Witness sworn)

10 Could you please state and spell your name for the  
11 court reporter please?

12 A. John James J-O-H-N James.

13 **Q. And go ahead with your statement Mr. James?**

14 A. Well basically, I'm appalled that not more people  
15 showed up today, than what has as far as the public goes. I'm  
16 not good at public speaking. I will just say my main reason for  
17 coming here today was to try to get a handle or understanding of  
18 how these rate increase requests were, what are dealt with, and  
19 the gentleman that I've already spoke to here in the front  
20 pretty much explained how this comes about, and I was telling  
21 them that my main concern has been if my public service  
22 commission people are representing the public the way I think  
23 they should, which would be very unbiased, and I just don't know  
24 how the system works, but I wanted to come here and hear the --  
25 any kind of input or statements they make, and I don't know the

1 way I understand, they don't talk here at these, my  
2 understanding is, I thought they would have more explanations of  
3 what these people from Laclede and places like that have already  
4 explained what their job is. So, that's pretty much is the  
5 reason I came today was to try to understand how these rate  
6 increases are, first of all asked for, the reasons they're asked  
7 for, and to minimize the increase that there is in the rates of  
8 my utilities. That's pretty much it.

9 JUDGE JONES: Thank you Mr. James. Commissioner  
10 Stoll?

11 COMMISSIONER STOLL: Did they explain to you about how  
12 the system does work as far as the office of public counsel  
13 representing the citizens of the state, and the commission sits  
14 as like a quasi you know judicial, not a full judicial hearing,  
15 but much like a formal judicial hearing, and then we make what  
16 we believe to be an impartial decision that's fair for everyone.

17 MR. JAMES: They did explain that they take the  
18 information that utility has, goes all through it, and analyzes  
19 why the request or whatever is asked for, and then they give  
20 their opinion. They do -- they studied it real good.

21 COMMISSIONER STOLL: Okay, good, good. And yeah, I  
22 think it's important to know that the office of public counsel  
23 is there to represent rate payers and it's good you were here.  
24 I'm sure there were a lot more people who don't understand the  
25 process, quite frankly, it's a little complicated any way, but I

1 do appreciate you coming out and getting some answers to your  
2 questions. Thank you Mr. James.

3 JUDGE JONES: And for the record I'll ask since  
4 Mr. James has testified is there anyone else that has come in  
5 that would like to testify? I don't see anyone, with that let's  
6 go ahead and go offer the record.

7 (Whereupon, the hearing concluded at 12:38 p.m.)

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and Seal this 20th day of June, 2013.

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