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6 TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS  
7 Prehearing Conference  
8 October 8, 2008  
9 Jefferson City, Missouri  
10 Volume 1  
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12 In the Matter of Missouri Gas )  
Utility, Inc.'s Purchased Gas )  
13 Adjustment (PGA) Factors To Be )Case No.  
Audited In Its 2006-2007 Actual )GR-2008-0136  
14 Cost Adjustment )  
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17 RONALD D. PRIDGIN, Presiding,  
REGULATORY LAW JUDGE  
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1 P R O C E E D I N G S .

2 JUDGE PRIDGIN: Good morning, we are on the  
3 record. This is the prehearing conference in Case No.  
4 GR-2008-0136 in the matter of Missouri Gas Utility,  
5 Inc.'s, purchased gas adjustment factors to be audited  
6 in its 2006/2007 actual cost adjustment.

7 I am Ronald Pridgin, I'm the Regulatory Law Judge  
8 assigned to preside over this prehearing conference  
9 being held October 8, 2008, Room 305, in the  
10 Governor's Office Building. The time is approximately  
11 10:05 a.m.

12 I would like to get entries of appearance from  
13 counsel beginning with the Staff of the Commission.

14 MS. SHEMWELL: Lera Shemwell representing  
15 the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission,  
16 Post Office Box 360, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102.

17 JUDGE PRIDGIN: Thank you. On behalf of  
18 Missouri Gas Utility, Incorporated, please.

19 MR. COOPER: Dean Cooper from the law firm  
20 of Brydon, Swearngen and England, P.C., Post Office  
21 Box 456, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102, appearing on  
22 behalf of Missouri Gas Utility, Inc.

23 JUDGE PRIDGIN: Thank you. On behalf of  
24 the Office of the Public Counsel, please.

25 MR. POSTON: Marc Poston appearing for the

1 Office of Public Counsel and the public.

2 JUDGE PRIDGIN: Any other counsel needing  
3 to enter an appearance? Hearing none.

4 I've set this prehearing conference. I believe it  
5 was Ms. Shemwell who had requested this week for the  
6 prehearing conference, and I believe, if you need to  
7 go to hearing, you will have a proposed procedural  
8 schedule due the following week.

9 Let me just alert the parties, if this case does  
10 indeed go to hearing, I will be involved in a  
11 telecommunications arbitration case largely the rest  
12 of the year, and it's going to monopolize my time.

13 So if you did pick a hearing date, say, in 2008,  
14 it's not that I couldn't -- I could probably oblige  
15 people as far as the hearing date itself, but as far  
16 as the report and orders, you might be waiting a  
17 while. That's just because I have one of those silly  
18 deadlines from Congress that says I have to get this  
19 arbitration order in. So that's something you might  
20 want to take into account.

21 It's possible, but unlikely, another judge would  
22 get assigned this case because of my work schedule.  
23 Because of rate cases going on, I think that's pretty  
24 unlikely. So just for your information, in case you  
25 are looking for hearing dates, that's something you

1 might want to consider.

2 Is there anything that counsel would like to bring  
3 to my attention? Okay.

4 I believe I understand the dispute that's  
5 remaining, and it sounds like we have people on the  
6 line and people here in the hearing room from Staff  
7 who are prepared to discuss the issue.

8 Is there anything else counsel needs from me  
9 before I adjourn the on-the-record portion of this  
10 conference and go of the record?

11 MS. SHEMWELL: I don't think so from Staff.  
12 Thank you, Judge.

13 JUDGE PRIDGIN: Hearing nothing further, if  
14 everybody will stay on the line, I'll simply go off  
15 the record and then allow you to talk.

16 If there's nothing further, we'll go of the record  
17 in Case No. GR-2008-0136. Thank you very much. We're  
18 off the record.

19 (WHEREIN, the recorded portion of the hearing was  
20 concluded.)

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4 I, Mindy Vislay, Certified Court Reporter with the  
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