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1 PROCEEDINGS

2 JUDGE DIPPELL: This is Cases No.
3 GR-2017-0215 and GR-217 -- I'm sorry -- 2017-0216, In
4 The Matter Of Laclede Gas Company's Request To Increase
5 Its Revenues For Gas Service and In The Matter of
6 Laclede Gas Company doing business as Missouri Gas
7 Energy's Request To Increase Its Revenues For Gas
8 Service. My name is Nancy Dippell. I'm the Regulatory
9 Law Judge assigned to this, and we have several people
10 on the telephone, as well as a roomful.

11 So, the first order of business is I am
12 going to ask you to make -- ask the attorneys to make
13 their entries of appearance. And, so, I'm going down
14 my list here, and, then, if there's anyone I missed,
15 we'll get you at the end.

16 So, let's start with Staff.

17 MR. JOHNSON: Mark Johnson on behalf of
18 the Staff of the Public Service Commission.

19 MS. PAYNE: And Whitney Payne on behalf
20 of the Staff of Public Service Commission.

21 JUDGE DIPPELL: Thank you.

22 Office of Public Counsel.

23 MR. POSTON: Marc Poston for the Office
24 of Public Counsel.

25 JUDGE DIPPELL: Laclede?

1 MR. ZUCKER: Rick Zucker, Michael C.
2 Pendergast, and Larry W. Dority here on behalf of the
3 Laclede Gas and MGE.

4 JUDGE DIPPELL: Okay. Now I'm going to
5 go down the people that have filed interventions, and
6 I'm just taking them in the list order that they're on
7 my list.

8 So, Kansas City Power & Light Company?

9 MR. STEINER: Roger W. Steiner appearing
10 for KCPL and KCPL Greater Missouri Operations Company.

11 JUDGE DIPPELL: Consumers Council of
12 Missouri?

13 (No response.)

14 JUDGE DIPPELL: That's Mr. Coffman,
15 right?

16 MR. POSTON: Yes.

17 JUDGE DIPPELL: MO Gas Pipeline, LLC?

18 (No response.)

19 JUDGE DIPPELL: No one for them?

20 (No response.)

21 JUDGE DIPPELL: City of St. Joseph.

22 MR. STEINMEIER: Thank you, your Honor.

23 William D. Steinmeier, William D.
24 Steinmeier, PC, in Jefferson City on behalf of the City
25 of St. Joseph, Missouri.

1 JUDGE DIPPELL: Missouri Division of
2 Energy?

3 MS. BURKE: Hi. This is Angela Burke on
4 behalf of the Division of Energy.

5 JUDGE DIPPELL: Missouri Industrial
6 Energy Consumers.

7 MR. MILLS: Lewis Mills appearing on
8 behalf of Missouri Industrial Energy Consumers.

9 JUDGE DIPPELL: Missouri School Board
10 Associations?

11 MR. BROWNLEE: Richard Brownlee on behalf
12 of Missouri School Board Association. With me is Mike
13 Parnell, and, also, Louie Erwin is on the telephone.

14 JUDGE DIPPELL: All right.

15 And, Mr. Brownlee, you've made an
16 intervention in the Missouri Gas Energy case, but not
17 in the Laclede Gas Case?

18 MR. BROWNLEE: I thought we -- wasn't it
19 consolidated in the end?

20 JUDGE DIPPELL: It was not actually
21 consolidated. Had you intended to --

22 MR. BROWNLEE: Yeah, for both, and I'll
23 go ahead and get that in.

24 JUDGE DIPPELL: Okay.

25 MR. BROWNLEE: Sorry.

1 JUDGE DIPPELL: No. That's the reason I
2 asked.

3 MECG?

4 MR. WOODSMALL: Thank you, your Honor.
5 David Woodsmall on behalf of MECG.

6 JUDGE DIPPELL: And the United
7 Steelworkers Local 116?

8 (No response.)

9 JUDGE DIPPELL: And I don't hear anyone
10 present.

11 I'm sorry. Was there someone on the
12 phone?

13 (No response.)

14 JUDGE DIPPELL: Okay. I don't see anyone
15 present for the Union. I will just state, in case
16 someone's in communication with them, they also filed
17 in the Laclede side, which may have been their intent.
18 They did not file in the Missouri Gas Energy side.

19 Now, is there anyone else that needed to
20 make an entry of appearance that I did not cover?

21 (No response.)

22 JUDGE DIPPELL: Okay. So, the first
23 order of business today, then, because I was trying to
24 hurry things up and get you all together quickly so we
25 could continue with a quick procedural schedule, I --

1 we didn't really have time from the end of the
2 intervention deadline until now to grant all of the
3 interveners, so I didn't grant any of the interveners,
4 because that's what I had apparently said in the order.

5 So, I would like to, unless there are
6 objections, grant the interventions of all those that
7 have entered their appearance, unless there is some
8 objection? Does anyone have any objection to any of
9 the interveners, or should I go through them
10 individually?

11 MR. ZUCKER: No objection, your Honor.

12 JUDGE DIPPELL: I'm not hearing any
13 interjec-- interven-- objection. I'll get it right in
14 a minute.

15 So, I will grant the interventions of
16 Kansas City Power & Light, the Consumer Council of
17 Missouri, MO Gas Pipeline, Missouri Division of Energy,
18 Missouri Industrial Energy Consumers, Missouri School
19 Boards Association, MECG, and the USW Local 116, and I
20 will put out a notice to that effect so that that's
21 clearly in the case.

22 And the next order of business --

23 MR. STEINER: Judge?

24 JUDGE DIPPELL: Oh, I'm sorry?

25 MR. STEINER: Judge -- Judge, this is

1 Roger. I didn't hear you say KCP&L GMO. I assume
2 that's just an oversight.

3 JUDGE DIPPELL: Oh. I -- you know, I
4 said Kansas City Power & Light, but I did not say KCPL
5 Greater Missouri Operations Company. They are included
6 in that. Thank you.

7 MS. PAYNE: Judge, you also did --

8 MR. STEINER: Thank you.

9 MS. PAYNE: -- not say City of St. Joe.

10 JUDGE DIPPELL: Oh, and I missed the City
11 of St. Joseph. You all are granted intervention.

12 Was there anyone else that I missed?

13 (No response.)

14 JUDGE DIPPELL: All right. I will put
15 that notice out, and if I miss anyone in the notice,
16 someone will -- someone will let me know, I'm sure.

17 So, I put out a preliminary proposed
18 procedural schedule with a hearing date. I don't --
19 first, I need to correct that. We will not be having a
20 hearing on December 9th, which is a Saturday. I was
21 getting a little crazy there.

22 But, if that hearing date is not
23 agreeable, then you all come up with a better one, but
24 keep in mind the holidays and the Commissions need to
25 have adequate time to put out an order with adequate

1 time for request for reconsideration and
2 reconciliations, and so forth, for appeals rights.

3 So, looking at the calendar, that --
4 those two weeks seem to be the best two weeks on the
5 calendar. Also, if -- right now, the cases are not
6 consolidated, but if you think they should be
7 consolidated for more than hearing purposes, let me
8 know that, too. And we can see about doing that.

9 And, finally, my housekeeping, I only
10 have the phone conference for two hours. Is that going
11 to be sufficient or should I go see if it's available
12 longer?

13 MR. ZUCKER: I think that will be
14 sufficient.

15 JUDGE DIPPELL: Okay. And I apologize
16 for the close quarters in here, but sometimes that's
17 better than being all spread out in the oth-- in the
18 bigger room.

19 So, are there any other -- oh. One more
20 matter was Public Counsel, in their response regarding
21 the proposed test year, suggested that the Commission
22 not rule on whether they -- whether there was a true
23 up.

24 MR. POSTON: I think you're right. The
25 update is necessary.

1 JUDGE DIPPELL: Is there any objection to
2 holding that ruling at this point?

3 MR. ZUCKER: Well, I guess maybe we
4 should be clear on the nomenclature. The test year
5 would be calendar '16. Then, when the direct is filed,
6 I -- I think that Staff will -- when -- when the other
7 parties' direct is filed, Staff will update the test
8 year to a period, my best guess is July 31, and then,
9 from there, there is a true-up iss-- a true-up
10 opportunity, I guess.

11 And we would like to do the true up. I
12 think Staff's on board with it. If OPC wants to wait
13 on it, I don't have a big problem with that.

14 JUDGE DIPPELL: Okay. Did anyone else
15 have any input on that?

16 (No response.)

17 JUDGE DIPPELL: Mr. Poston, did you have
18 anything further?

19 MR. POSTON: No. I mean -- and I'm okay
20 if we -- we go on the dates and things just in case we
21 do, so those are nailed down.

22 JUDGE DIPPELL: Okay. Now, is there
23 anything else that needs to go -- go on the transcript
24 and the formal record?

25 (No response.)

1 JUDGE DIPPELL: Okay. Hearing none, then
2 I will conclude this portion, the on-the-record portion
3 of this conference, and I will let you all hash out a
4 real procedural schedule.

5 Thank you very much. We can go off the
6 record.

7 (Off the record.)

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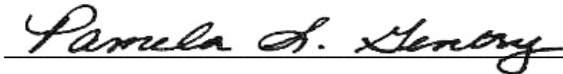
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