

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

In the Matter of the Application of Laclede	)	
Gas Company for an Accounting Authority Order	)	
Authorizing the Company to Defer for Future Recovery	)	Case No. GU-2007-0138
of the Costs of Complying With the Permanent	)	
Amendment to the Commission's Cold Weather Rule	)	

**PROPOSED PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE**

**COMES NOW** the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Staff"), on behalf of itself, Laclede Gas Company ("Laclede" or "Company") and the Office of the Public Counsel ("Public Counsel") and files this Proposed Procedural Schedule, stating as follows:

1. On December 13, 2005, the Commission issued its Order Approving Emergency Amendment (the "Emergency Amendment"), in which it amended, effective January 1, 2006, Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-13.055, entitled "Cold Weather Maintenance of Service," and known as the "Cold Weather Rule."

2. On August 11, 2006, the Commission issued its Order of Rulemaking in Case No. GX-2006-0434, effective November 1, 2006, in which it adopted on a permanent basis (the "Permanent Amendment") a number of the provisions that had been placed into effect as part of the Emergency Amendment.

3. On October 31, 2007, Laclede filed in this case its Request for Determination of the Cost of Compliance with the Permanent Amendment for the winter of 2006-07.

4. On February 29, 2008, the Commission issued an order scheduling a prehearing conference for March 6, 2008. At the March 6 prehearing conference, the

parties discussed the prospects for resolution of the case, and failing a resolution, the crafting of a procedural schedule that would permit the Commission to decide the case by April 28, 2008, as set forth in 4 CSR 240-13.055(14)(G). The parties also discussed the possibility of stipulating to some or all of the material facts relevant to this case. As a result of these discussions, the parties propose the following procedural schedule:

Parties shall file:

Stipulation and Agreement; OR Stipulation of Facts AND/OR Prepared Testimony (for any matters not covered by the Stipulation of Facts)	March 24, 2008
Hearing (if necessary)	March 31, 2008; 10am
Transcript Filed	April 2, 2008 <sup>1</sup>
Briefs	April 7, 2008

**WHEREFORE**, the Staff, on behalf of itself, Laclede and Public Counsel, respectfully request that the Commission issue its Order approving the procedural schedule set forth above.

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<sup>1</sup> The parties request that filing of the transcript be expedited for filing and electronic delivery two days after the hearing.

Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand-delivered, transmitted by facsimile or electronically mailed to all counsel of record this 10<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2008.

**/s/ Jennifer Heintz**