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Complainant, )

) Case No. GC-2008-0176

vs. )

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Laclede Gas Company, )

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Respondent. )

CHERLYN D. VOSS, Presiding,

REGULATORY LAW JUDGE

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

2 JUDGE VOSS: We are going to begin this  
3 prehearing conference in Commission Case No. GC-2008-0176  
4 in the matter of the complaint of Renee Anderson versus  
5 Laclede Gas Company.

6 My name is Cherlyn Voss. I'm the regulatory  
7 law judge assigned to hear this case and will be presiding  
8 over this prehearing conference this morning.

9 We're going to begin by taking entries of  
10 appearance, beginning with Ms. Anderson.

11 MS. SMITH: Yes, Michelle Smith, attorney  
12 representing Ms. Anderson. My business address is  
13 4144 Lindell Boulevard, Suite 407, St. Louis, Missouri  
14 63108.

15 JUDGE VOSS: Thank you.

16 Now the Commission Staff.

17 MR. KRUEGER: Keith R. Krueger of the Staff  
18 of the Missouri Public Service Commission. My address is  
19 P. O. Box 360, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102.

20 JUDGE VOSS: Laclede.

21 MR. ZUCKER: Rick Zucker representing  
22 Laclede Gas Company, 720 Olive Street, Room 1516,  
23 St. Louis, Missouri 63101.

24 JUDGE VOSS: And at 10:05 let the record  
25 show that no one from the Office of the Public Counsel is

1 currently present.

2                   The primary purpose of the prehearing  
3 conference is to get the parties together to give them an  
4 opportunity to discuss any discovery issues, any  
5 settlement negotiations and, if necessary, to work out a  
6 procedural schedule.

7                   Accordingly, the parties have been directed  
8 in the Order setting this prehearing conference to file a  
9 proposed procedural schedule by February 19th.

10                   Are there any additional issues that the  
11 parties need me to address before we go off the record?

12                   MR. KRUEGER: Not from Staff.

13                   MS. SMITH: No.

14                   MR. ZUCKER: Judge Voss, this is Rick  
15 Zucker. We have a motion filed as part of our answer to  
16 dismiss certain parts of the request for relief. Is that  
17 something that you -- I guess, when might you rule on  
18 that?

19                   JUDGE VOSS: The Commission has been really  
20 crazy in cancelling agendas this month. It will probably  
21 be a couple of weeks just because we have one agenda  
22 Thursday and no agendas next week.

23                   MR. ZUCKER: Okay.

24                   So we should go forward with the procedural  
25 schedule then?

1 JUDGE VOSS: Yes. Because that's only as to  
2 part of the relief sought, anyway, as I recall. Is that  
3 correct?

4 MR. ZUCKER: Let's see. Nos. 1 and 3 --  
5 well, I guess I could -- yeah, right now it is, although  
6 No. 2 has been fulfilled also. So I guess I could add to  
7 that motion. And I may do that. So I may file another  
8 pleading then.

9 JUDGE VOSS: It has been a little bit crazy.  
10 I was kind of waiting until after the parties got together  
11 at this conference to see whether there was even any  
12 reason to rule on the motion or, you know, potentially if  
13 the parties could work it out or if we're going forward.  
14 You know how that it is.

15 MR. ZUCKER: Yes.

16 JUDGE VOSS: Is there anything else?  
17 Anybody else have any questions before we go off the  
18 record?

19 MR. ZUCKER: No, Your Honor.

20 MS. SMITH: No, Your Honor.

21 MR. KRUEGER: No, Your Honor.

22 JUDGE VOSS: I want to ask a question of  
23 you, Keith.

24 Do you know that if you guys all stay on  
25 this port call, if I hang up this phone, will you guys

1 still be able to talk to each other?

2 MR. KRUEGER: I'm sure we will.

3 JUDGE VOSS: I think you can. I'm not sure.

4 MR. KRUEGER: Because I think we did the  
5 exact same thing a week or two ago in a water prehearing  
6 conference that I was involved in.

7 JUDGE VOSS: I would assume that would be  
8 the case, but I would hate to hang up and have everybody  
9 simultaneously be disconnected.

10 MR. ZUCKER: If that happens, what should we  
11 do?

12 JUDGE VOSS: I'll give you the numbers  
13 again.

14 Keith, the primary number -- I'm going to  
15 give it to you -- is 526-6012.

16 MR. KRUEGER: 526-6012.

17 JUDGE VOSS: And the 800 number, everyone  
18 should still have the 800 number. Is that correct?

19 MS. SMITH: Yes.

20 JUDGE VOSS: So for any amazingly unexpected  
21 reason, when I hang up, if the phone port goes dead, Keith  
22 will dial in that main number and then you guys dial right  
23 back in and you should be able to talk to each other.

24 You shouldn't lose each other at all, but  
25 you know Murphy's law, better to be prepared.

1                   And does everyone have my number in case I'm  
2   needed for anything this morning?

3                   MR. ZUCKER: I know where it is.

4                   MR. KRUEGER: I do.

5                   MS. SMITH: Yes, I have it.

6                   JUDGE VOSS: Okay. So if anyone needs me  
7   for anything, again, just procedural matters -- I don't  
8   want to hear any ex parte information -- but if you have  
9   any procedural questions for me, feel free to give me a  
10  call and I'll get back to you as soon as possible.

11                  And if there is nothing else, hearing  
12  anything? All right. Well, this concludes the on-the-  
13  record portion of the prehearing conference. And I will  
14  be available if you guys need me later this morning.

15                  MS. SMITH: Thank you, Your Honor.

16                  MR. ZUCKER: Thank you, Your Honor.

17                  WHEREUPON, the on-the-record portion of the  
18  prehearing conference was concluded.

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