

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

In the Matter of Laclede Gas Company's Tariff Filing)
to Allow Estimated Billing Whenever an Automatic) **Case No. GT-2008-0374**
Meter Reader Fails to Send Readings of Actual Usage.) Tariff No. YG-2008-0690

ORDER MODIFYING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

Issue Date: December 4, 2008

Effective Date: December 4, 2008

On December 1, 2008, the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission filed a motion to modify the procedural schedule for this case. Staff proposes to add a settlement conference to allow the parties to meet and discuss the possibility of settling this matter before going to hearing. Staff further proposes to extend surrebuttal testimony and issues list etc. filing dates and to reschedule the hearing from January 13-14 to January 28-29, 2009. Staff has discussed its suggested modifications with counsel for Laclede and Public Counsel and no party objects.

The Commission has considered Staff's motion. Since the parties agree to the changes, the Commission will modify the procedural schedule as Staff requests.

Staff stated that its changes should not affect the March 16, 2009 tariff suspension date; however, moving the hearing does reduce the amount of time for briefing and Commission deliberation by two weeks. Therefore, the Commission shall expedite the filing of the transcripts and shall put the parties on notice that the briefing schedule may also be shortened.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The procedural schedule for this case is modified as follows:

Surrebuttal testimony, all parties	December 19, 2008
Settlement conference	January 8, 2009
Joint issues list, statements of position, and order of witnesses and cross-examination	January 22, 2009
Hearing	January 28-29, 2009 10:00 a.m. (first day)

The hearing shall be held in Room 310 of the Governor Office Building, 200 Madison Street, Jefferson City, Missouri. The Governor Office Building meets accessibility standards required by the Americans with Disabilities Act. Anyone needing additional accommodations to participate is requested to call the Public Service Commission's Hotline at 1-800-392-4211 (voice) or Relay Missouri at 711 prior to the hearing.

2. The transcripts for the evidentiary hearing shall be expedited to be available no later than the third business day following the close of the hearing.
3. This order shall become effective upon issuance.

BY THE COMMISSION



Colleen M. Dale
Secretary

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Nancy Dippell, Deputy Chief Regulatory
Law Judge, by delegation of authority
pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 4th day of December, 2008.