

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

In the Matter of Laclede Gas Company's)	
tariffs designed to permit early)	
implementation of Cold Weather Rule)	Case No. GT-2009-0026
provisions and to permit Laclede to collect)	Tariff number JG-2009-0033
the gas cost portion of its write-off's)	
through the PGA)	

**RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PARTIES
REGARDING 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 submits the following recommendations regarding a procedural schedule for this case:

1. On August 21, 2008, the parties to this case participated in a pre-hearing conference, at which Judge Woodruff required a procedural schedule be filed by August 26, 2008. As a result of their discussions, the parties have formulated the following recommendations for the Commission's consideration:

Proposed Procedural Schedule

<u>Item</u>	<u>Party</u>	<u>Date</u>
Direct Testimony	Laclede	Tuesday, 9/16/08
Rebuttal Testimony ¹	Staff / Public Counsel	Thursday, 10/23/08
Surrebuttal Testimony ²	All Parties	Thursday, 11/20/08
Issues List, Statements of Position, and Order of Witnesses and Cross-Examination	Joint	Tuesday, 12/2/08
Hearing		Monday/Tuesday 12/8/08-12/9/08

¹ Rebuttal Testimony shall respond to matters raised in Direct Testimony.

² Surrebuttal Testimony shall respond to matters raised in Rebuttal Testimony.

2. The Parties have agreed to provide objections and answers to data requests on the following schedule: after the filing of direct testimony, objections shall be made within five (5) business days of receipt, and answers shall be due within ten (10) business days of receipt; after the filing of surrebuttal testimony, objections shall be made within two (2) business days of receipt, and answers shall be due within five (5) business days of receipt.

3. The Parties request that the Commission approve the proposed procedural schedule and the above noted agreements concerning data request responses in its Order addressing these recommendations.

WHEREFORE, Staff respectfully requests on behalf of all of the Parties that the Commission approve the recommendations set forth above.

Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand-delivered, or transmitted by facsimile or electronic mail to all counsel of record this 26th day of August 2008.

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