

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

In the Matter of the Application of Laclede        )  
Gas Company to Change its Infrastructure        )   **Case No. GO-2015-0341**  
System Replacement Surcharge in its         )  
Laclede Gas Service Territory                 )

**PROPOSED PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE**

**COMES NOW** Laclede Gas Company (“Laclede” or “Company”) and, after consultation with the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Staff”) and the Office of the Public Counsel (“Public Counsel”), Laclede submits the following recommendations regarding a procedural schedule for this case:

1.       OPC and Staff have raised certain issues in the past few Laclede ISRS cases. Most of these issues have been resolved; however, a few matters, raised by OPC, have been deferred to future ISRS cases. These matters involve the ISRS eligibility of the following:

A. Telemetric Equipment, identified in work orders 60418 and 60419;

B. Two Regulator Stations, one located at Osceola and Virginia, and the other located at Euclid and Hooke, in St. Louis;

C. Updating ISRS filings with pro-forma reserves for depreciation and accumulated deferred income taxes and actual ISRS additions that replace pro-forma additions estimated in the Application.

2.       In the past few Laclede rate cases, the Commission approved the parties’ agreement to implement the Company’s ISRS applications “as soon as reasonably possible,” in exchange for Laclede’s commitment to reduce the ISRS by a certain amount. As such, Laclede has agreed to file its testimony on the previous and known

issues by August 28<sup>th</sup> and with respect to updating estimated amounts in this ISRS filing, Laclede anticipates providing the parties actual July amounts by mid-August, and providing actual August amounts by mid-September. Laclede had hoped that this case could be processed more expeditiously; however, in filing this Application, Laclede has in fact made a substantial reduction in its ISRS request, and has therefore asked the other parties to do their part in processing the application as soon as is reasonably possible. While Laclede believes this case could be processed faster, it is willing to settle on the following procedural schedule, if acceptable to the Commission.

3. Accordingly, Laclede proposes the following:

<u>Item</u>	<u>Party</u>	<u>Date</u>
Direct Testimony on the three established issues: Telemetry Equipment, Regulator Stations, and Updating	Laclede (Any other party may also file direct on any of these issues)	August 28
Recommendation / Direct Testimony / Rebuttal Testimony*	Staff/Public Counsel (Laclede files rebuttal on any August 28 direct)	October 2
Rebuttal/Surrebuttal Testimony	All Parties	October 9
Reconciliation of Disputed Items	Staff	October 9
Hearing		October 15
Post-Hearing Brief	All Parties	October 23

\* Staff and Public Counsel will file rebuttal testimony to Laclede's direct, and may file direct testimony on other issues. The testimony may be in the form of a Recommendation adopted by a witness.

4. The Parties agree to implement the following discovery timelines:

A. Discovery issued after October 2 shall only pertain to matters contained in October 2 testimonies and that could not have been reasonably anticipated prior to October 2. Such discovery will be objected to in 3 business days, and responded to in 5 business days.

B. Workpapers will be submitted within one business day of filing testimony to which they relate.

5. Laclede has shared this schedule with the Staff and Public Counsel, and represents that Staff concurs with the schedule as set forth in paragraphs 3 and 4 above.

WHEREFORE, Laclede respectfully requests that the Commission approve the recommendations set forth in this proposed procedural schedule.

Respectfully submitted,

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The undersigned certifies that a true and correct copy of the foregoing pleading was served on all parties of record on this 7th day of August 2015 by hand-delivery, e-mail, fax, or by placing a copy of such document, postage prepaid, in the United States mail.

/s/ Rick Zucker