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2 PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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6 Hearing  
7 August 10, 1998  
8 Jefferson City, Missouri  
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12 In the Matter of Laclede Gas )  
13 Company's Tariff Sheets Designed) CASE GO-98-484  
14 to Extend for an Additional )  
15 Period the Experimental Price )  
16 Stabilization Fund. )

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18 LEWIS R. MILLS, Presiding  
19 REGULATORY LAW JUDGE  
20 VICKY RUTH,  
21 REGULATORY LAW JUDGE  
22 M. DIANNE DRAINER,  
23 CONNIE MURRAY,  
24 HAROLD CRUMPTON,  
25 ROBERT SCHEMENAUER,  
COMMISSIONERS.

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

2 JUDGE MILLS: We'll take entries of  
3 appearance beginning with the Company, then Staff,  
4 then Public Counsel.

5 MR. PENDERGAST: Thank you, Judge Mills.  
6 Michael C. Pendergast and Thomas M. Byrne appearing  
7 on behalf of Laclede Gas Company. Our business  
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9 63101.

10 MR. SCHWARZ: Tim Schwarz, deputy general  
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17 and the Public.

18 JUDGE MILLS: Thank you. Before we get  
19 started we're going to premark all of the prefiled  
20 testimony beginning with the Company and I'd like  
21 to keep it in the order that the witnesses are  
22 going to appear, so if you will offer  
23 Mr. Neises --

24 Actually before you do that let's do the  
25 Hearing Memorandum as No. 1 and then we'll do the

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1 testimony.

2 (EXHIBIT NOS. 1HC, 2, 3, 3HC, 4, 4HC, 5,  
3 5HC, 6, 6HC, 7 AND 7HC WERE MARKED FOR  
4 IDENTIFICATION.)

5 JUDGE MILLS: Mr. Byrne, did you file the  
6 highly confidential portions -- just the portions  
7 that are highly confidential or did you file an  
8 entire version of the testimony?

9 MR. BYRNE: I believe we filed an entire  
10 version of the testimony.

11 JUDGE MILLS: The way the protective order  
12 reads you're supposed to file just the portions  
13 that are highly confidential on each one in a  
14 separate envelope. So there should have been three  
15 separate envelopes, for example, Mr. Neises'  
16 testimony. And then three more for his surrebuttal  
17 testimony.

18 MR. SCHWARZ: Just the HC pages.

19 MR. BYRNE: Three sets of the pages.

20 JUDGE MILLS: Three sets of the pages,  
21 each set in a separate envelope.

22 MR. BYRNE: I don't think we did it that  
23 way.

24 JUDGE MILLS: No, I don't think so either.  
25 Can you put together that information?

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1           MR. BYRNE: Yes, we can.

2           JUDGE MILLS: And we will -- I assume that

3           the parties are anticipating it will be done

4           today. We're scheduled for two days.

5           MR. BYRNE: We're hoping to be done today.

6           JUDGE MILLS: Can you get that to the

7           court reporter by the end of the day today?

8           MR. BYRNE: Yes.

9           JUDGE MILLS: Okay. Thank you. Go ahead,

10          Mr. Schwarz.

11          (EXHIBIT NOS. 8, 8HC, 9 AND 9HC WERE

12          MARKED FOR IDENTIFICATION.)

13          JUDGE MILLS: Okay. I believe that's all

14          the prefiled testimony. We'll go off the record

15          for a moment. I'll go check with the Commissioners

16          to see if they're available. Off the record.

17          (OFF THE RECORD.)

18          JUDGE MILLS: At this time we've premarked

19          all the prefiled testimony. Do the parties have

20          any objection to the admission of the Hearing

21          Memorandum in this case, Exhibit 1?

22          MR. PENDERGAST: No objection.

23          MR. SCHWARZ: No.

24          JUDGE MILLS: Hearing no objection,

25          Exhibit 1 will be admitted. I'll ask about each of

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1 the succeeding exhibits as we get to the witness  
2 that has prepared them.

3 (EXHIBIT NO. 1 WAS ADMITTED INTO THE  
4 RECORD.)

5 JUDGE MILLS: Let's go ahead and do  
6 opening statements beginning with the Company, then  
7 Public Counsel and then we'll finish with Staff.

8 (REPORTER'S NOTE: At this time, an  
9 in-camera session was held, which is contained in  
10 Volume 2, pages 7 through 220 of the transcript.)  
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