

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

Clyde Bradford,)	
)	
Complainant,)	
)	
v.)	Case No. GC-2007-0382
)	
Laclede Gas Company,)	
)	
Respondent.)	

JOINT PROPOSED PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

COMES NOW Staff of the Public Service Commission of Missouri (Staff), on behalf of the parties to this case, and for its Joint Proposed Procedural Schedule, states:

1. On July 12, 2007, the Commission issued, at the request of the parties, its *Order Setting Second Prehearing Conference* (Order). Accordingly, a prehearing conference was held on July 30, 2007. The parties discussed new information collected after the first prehearing conference of June 19th. However, the parties have been unable to reach a settlement of the issues in this matter and propose to bring this matter to hearing on September 11, 2007 with a 1:30pm setting.

2. Complainant has stated a preference to appear at hearing by telephone. Company counsel believes that the numerous factual disputes in this case make it especially necessary to have the witnesses testify live before the Regulatory Law Judge and Commissioners.

3. Staff agrees that the live appearance of witnesses provides the Commission the best opportunity to test the veracity of the facts and the strength of the parties' positions in this

matter. However, because this is Mr. Bradford's complaint to try, and because he may be inconvenienced by traveling to Jefferson City, the Staff is unopposed to Mr. Bradford's request to appear by telephone.

WHEREFORE, the Staff, filing on behalf of the parties, respectfully submits its Joint Proposed Procedural Schedule and requests a hearing be set on September 11, 2007, at 1:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand-delivered, transmitted by facsimile or electronic mail to all counsel of record this 6th day of August 2007.

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