

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

Loistine Stewart and Boyce Conway,	)	
	)	
Complainants,	)	
v.	)	Case No. GC-2005-0487
	)	
Laclede Gas Company,	)	
Respondent.	)	

**PROGRESS REPORT**

**COME NOW** Laclede Gas Company (Laclede or Company), and the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff), and pursuant to the Commission's October 11, 2005, Order Directing Parties to File a Progress Report in the above captioned case, and submit this Progress Report, stating as follows:

1. On September 21, 2005, a prehearing conference was held in this case. Participating in the prehearing conference were Ms. Loistine Stewart, Laclede and Staff. At the prehearing conference, the parties committed to meet informally to discuss the case prior to establishing a formal procedural schedule. The parties planned to first have Respondent and Complainants meet in St. Louis to attempt to resolve their dispute. If unsuccessful, the parties anticipated a second meeting that would include Staff.

2. Accordingly, on September 28, 2005, a Laclede representative and Ms. Stewart met in person and discussed the case at some length. In addition, on October 11, 2005, Laclede and Ms. Stewart further discussed the matter by telephone. However, no settlement was reached as a result of these meetings.

3. The parties have now begun to set up a meeting involving Staff as a final informal measure before establishing a formal procedural schedule. The meeting with

Staff is expected to take place in early November. Following this meeting, the parties anticipate filing another progress report that will announce either a settlement or a proposed procedural schedule.

4. Laclede has contacted Ms. Stewart and informed her of the contents of this Progress Report, and she stated that she has no objection thereto.

WHEREFORE, Laclede and Staff respectfully request that the Commission accept this Progress Report.

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 25<sup>th</sup> day of October 2005.

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