

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

Sheila Bruton,)	
)	
Complainant,)	
)	
v.)	<u>Case No. GC-2006-0502</u>
)	
Laclede Gas Company,)	
)	
Respondent.)	

ORDER SETTING PREHEARING CONFERENCE
AND DIRECTING FILING OF PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

Issue Date: August 25, 2006

Effective Date: August 25, 2006

On June 26, 2006, Sheila Bruton filed a complaint with the Commission against Laclede Gas Company ("Laclede"). Laclede filed its answer on July 27, 2006, and the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission filed its report on August 24, 2006.

This matter is now at issue and a prehearing conference and procedural schedule are appropriate to ensure its prompt resolution. It is expected that the prehearing conference will provide an opportunity for the parties to further pursue settlement discussions. The parties shall jointly file a proposed procedural schedule one week after the prehearing conference.

The Commission informs the parties that this prehearing conference is *not an evidentiary hearing*. Sworn testimony will not be taken and no final decision will result from

this prehearing conference. As set out below, any party who wishes to attend by telephone will be permitted to do so.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. The parties shall appear at a prehearing conference to be held on September 5, 2006, beginning at 10:00 a.m. The prehearing conference will be held in Room 305 at the Commission's offices in the Governor Office Building, 200 Madison Street, Jefferson City, Missouri, a building that meets the accessibility standards required by the Americans with Disabilities Act. Any person needing additional accommodations to participate in this prehearing conference should call the Public Service Commission's Hotline at 1-800-392-4211 or dial Relay Missouri at 711 prior to the conference.

2. Any party wishing to appear by telephone shall notify the Regulatory Law Judge by calling 573-522-8459 no later than August 31, 2006.

3. The parties shall jointly prepare and file a proposed procedural schedule no later than September 12, 2006.

4. This order shall become effective on August 25, 2006.

BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Colleen M. Dale', is written over a horizontal line.

Colleen M. Dale
Secretary

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Harold Stearley, Regulatory Law Judge,
by delegation of authority pursuant to
Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 25th day of August 2006.