

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

Staff of the Public Service Commission of Missouri,	)	
	)	
Complainant,	)	
	)	
v.	)	<b><u>Case No. GC-2006-0318</u></b>
	)	
Laclede Gas Company,	)	
	)	
Respondent.	)	

**ORDER ADOPTING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE**

Issue Date: April 12, 2006

Effective Date: April 12, 2006

On April 10, 2006, Laclede Gas Company, the Staff of the Commission, the Office of the Public Counsel, and the United Steelworkers of America, Local No. 11-6, AFL-CIO, jointly filed a proposed a procedural schedule. Since all the parties have agreed to the proposed schedule, the Commission will adopt it.

The Commission finds that the following conditions should be applied:

(A) The Commission will require that testimony be prefiled as defined in Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.130. All parties must comply with this rule, including the requirement that testimony be filed on line-numbered pages.

(B) Pursuant to Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.130(15), testimony and schedules may not be filed under seal and treated as proprietary or highly confidential unless the Commission has first established a protective order. Any testimony or schedule filed without a protective order first being established will be considered public information.

(C) The parties shall agree upon and Staff shall file a list of the issues to be heard, the witnesses to appear on each day of the hearing, the order in which they will be called, and the order of cross-examination for each witness. Any issue not contained in this list of issues will be viewed as uncontested and not requiring resolution by the Commission.

(D) Each party shall file a prehearing brief, and in addition shall file a simple and concise statement summarizing its position on each disputed issue.

(E) All pleadings, briefs, and amendments shall be filed in accordance with Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.080. Briefs shall follow the same list of issues as filed in the case and must set forth and cite the proper portions of the record concerning the remaining unresolved issues that are to be decided by the Commission.

(F) All parties are required to bring an adequate number of copies of exhibits that they intend to offer into evidence at the hearing. If an exhibit has not been prefiled, the party offering it should bring, in addition to the copy for the court reporter, copies for the five Commissioners, the Presiding Judge, and all counsel.

**IT IS ORDERED THAT:**

1. The following procedural schedule is established:

<b>Direct Testimony by Staff, Local 11-6, and Public Counsel</b>	-	<b>June 1, 2006</b>
<b>Rebuttal Testimony by Laclede</b>	-	<b>July 31, 2006</b>
<b>Surrebuttal Testimony by Staff, Local 11-6, and Public Counsel</b>	-	<b>August 14, 2006</b>
<b>Issues List</b>	-	<b>August 18, 2006</b>
<b>Prehearing Briefs and Statements of Position</b>	-	<b>August 25, 2006</b>

**Hearing**

- **September 18 & 19,  
2006, beginning at 8:30  
a.m.**

2. The hearing will be held at the Commission's office at the Governor Office Building, Room 310, 200 Madison Street, Jefferson City, Missouri. This building meets accessibility standards required by the Americans with Disabilities Act. If you need additional accommodations to participate in this hearing, please call the Public Service Commission's Hotline at 1-800-392-4211 (voice) or Relay Missouri at 711 before the hearing.

3. This order shall become effective on April 12, 2006.

**BY THE COMMISSION**

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

Colleen M. Dale  
Secretary

( S E A L )

Morris L. Woodruff, Deputy Chief Regulatory  
Law Judge, by delegation of authority pursuant  
to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,  
on this 12th day of April, 2006.