

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

Marcia Johnson,)	
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)	
Complainant,)	
v.)	<u>Case No. GC-2006-0456</u>
)	
Laclede Gas Company,)	
)	
Respondent.)	

ORDER GRANTING EXTENSION OF TIME
TO FILE A RECOMMENDED HEARING DATE

Issue Date: October 11, 2006

Effective Date: October 11, 2006

Marcia Johnson filed a complaint against Laclede Gas Company on June 1, 2006. Laclede filed its answer on July 3, 2006. On July 6, 2006, the Commission directed its Staff to investigate Ms. Johnson's complaint and report its findings to the Commission on or before August 25, 2006. On August 25, 2006, Staff filed its report.

On August 29, 2006, the Commission issued an order which, among other things, scheduled a prehearing conference for September 15, 2006, at 10:00 a.m. The prehearing conference convened on September 15, at the scheduled time. Laclede Gas Company, the Commission's Staff, and the Office of the Public Counsel appeared for the conference by their counsel. Ms. Johnson did not appear in person and did not appear by telephone.

On September 15, 2006, the Commission ordered Ms. Johnson to file a pleading explaining why she failed to attend the prehearing conference by September 29, 2006.

Ms. Johnson timely filed a pleading stating why she was unable to appear at the prehearing conference which the Commission found to be reasonable.

A second informal prehearing conference call was held on September 29, 2006, in which all parties participated. During the prehearing conference Staff was directed to file either a status report or a recommendation for a hearing date in this case.

Staff filed its status report on October 10, 2006. In its report, Staff asked for two weeks to file a proposed hearing date. The Staff's request is reasonable and will be granted.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. The Commission's Staff is directed to file a recommendation for a hearing date in this case on or before October 27, 2006.

2. This order shall become effective on October 11, 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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Cherlyn D. Voss, Regulatory Law Judge,
by delegation of authority pursuant to
Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 11th day of October, 2006.