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Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge
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Governor Office Building
200 Madison Street
P. O. Box 360
Jefferson City, MO 65102-0360

RE: Case No. GT-2003-0032

Dear Sir:

Enclosed for filing, please find the original and eight copies of Laclede's Response to Staff's Proposed Procedural Schedule in the above-referenced case. Please file-stamp the additional copy of this Response and return the same in the pre-addressed, stamped envelope provided.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,


Rick Zucker

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cc: All parties of record

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

**Missouri Public
Service Commission**

In the Matter of the Tariff Filing of
Laclede Gas Company

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Case No. GT-2003-0032

**LACLEDE GAS COMPANY'S RESPONSE TO
STAFF'S PROPOSED PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE**

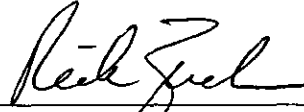
COMES NOW Laclede Gas Company ("Laclede" or "Company") and files its Response to the proposed procedural schedule filed by Staff on March 7, 2003, stating as follows:

1. Pursuant to Section E of the Company's Experimental School District Aggregation Service tariff (Sheet No. 43), the parties to this case have requested a Commission decision on the treatment of capacity costs to be effective by June 1, 2003.

2. In order to accomplish the goal of obtaining a Commission decision by June 1, 2003, the parties must have an aggressive procedural schedule. Given the fact that this portion of the case involves only one issue, Laclede believes Staff's proposed schedule is appropriate under the circumstances, and Laclede does not object to such schedule.

WHEREFORE, for the foregoing reasons, Laclede Gas Company respectfully requests that the Commission accept its Response to Staff's Proposed Procedural Schedule.

Respectfully Submitted,



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The undersigned certifies that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Response was served on all parties to the case on this 13th day of March, 2003 by hand-delivery or by placing a copy of such Response, postage prepaid, in the United States mail.

