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Re: Case No. GO-2004-0195, Motion for Dismissal of Parties Laclede Electric Cooperative, Inc. and Laclede Energy, LLC

Dear Mr. Roberts:

Enclosed for filing please find original and eight copies of our motion for dismissal of Laclede Electric Cooperative, Inc. and Laclede Energy, LLC.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,

Rodric A. Widger

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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In the matter of an Investigation into Compliance with the Required Registration of Sellers of Electricity and Gas for Use or Consumption Within Missouri

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<u>MOTION FOR DISMISSAL OF PARTIES</u> <u>Laclede Electric Cooperative, Inc. and Laclede Energy, LLC</u>

Come now Laclede Electric Cooperative, Inc., and Laclede Energy, LLC, by and through their undersigned counsel, and request that the Commission dismiss them as named parties in this investigatory proceeding and to allow them to withdraw from all participation in the same. In support of this Motion the parties respectfully suggest the following:

 Laclede Electric Cooperative, Inc. is a Chapter 394 electric cooperative corporation that provides electric energy and service to its members in all or parts of six Missouri Counties in south central Missouri.

2. Laclede Energy, LLC, is a Missouri limited liability company that is wholly owned and controlled by its single member, Laclede Electric Cooperative, Inc.

3. Laclede Electric Cooperative, Inc. and Laclede Energy, LLC, are not "electrical corporations" or "gas corporations" for the purposes of those definitions provided in Section 386.020 RSMo. 4. Laclede Electric Cooperative, Inc. and Laclede Energy, LLC, are not energy "distributors" or "sellers" within the intent and purpose Section 393.297 et seq. RSMo.

5. Movants believe that they have been inadvertently and erroneously included within the scope and jurisdiction of these proceedings. Having no interest in the outcome of this docket, movants request that they be relieved from all participation as parties.

Respectfully submitted,

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