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Mr. Dale Hardy Roberts Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge Missouri Public Service Commission P.O. Box 360 Jefferson City, MO 65102

> Re: In the matter of Laclede Gas Company's Tariff to Revise Natural Gas Rate Schedules; Case No. GR-99-315

Dear Mr. Roberts:

Transmitted herewith for filing in the above-referenced case are an original and fourteen (14) copies of the direct testimony, schedules and exhibits of Laclede Gas Company ("Laclede") as required by the Commission's Order Directing Filing of Testimony ("Order") effective on March 9, 1999. Laclede is also providing an additional eleven (11) copies of these documents to the Commission Staff.

In Ordered Paragraph No. 2 of the Order, the Commission directed Laclede to file concurrently with its prepared testimony and exhibits its recommendation concerning the proper test year for use in this case. In addition, in Ordered Paragraph No. 3 of the Order, the Commission directed Laclede to file concurrently with its prepared testimony and exhibits any request for a true-up audit and hearing in a separate pleading. In compliance with these paragraphs, Laclede is also filing herewith an original and fourteen (14) copies of its Recommendation Concerning Test Year and Motion for True-up Audit and Hearing. On this same date, two copies of the above-mentioned documents are being hand-delivered or mailed to the Office of the Public Counsel and to each intervenor of record.

Very truly yours,

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Enclosures

cc: All parties of record Office of the Public Counsel