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Mr. Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge
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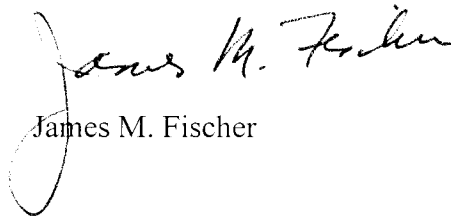
RE: *Laclede Gas Company*, Case No. GO-2003-0506.

Dear Mr. Roberts:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced matter is an original of the Response To Staff Recommendation And Memorandum being filed on behalf of Laclede Gas Company.

Copies of the foregoing have been hand-delivered, emailed or mailed this date to the Doug Micheel, Office of the Public Counsel, and Bob Berlin, Assistant General Counsel. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



James M. Fischer

Enclosures

cc: Doug Micheel, Office of the Public Counsel
Bob Berlin, Assistant General Counsel

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

In the Matter of the Verified Application)	
of Laclede Gas Company for an Order)	
Establishing Replacement Requirements)	
for the Final Phase of its Unprotected)	Case No. GO-2003-0506
Steel Main Replacement Program)	
Previously Approved Pursuant to Rule 4)	
CSR 240-40.030(15)(E))	

**RESPONSE TO STAFF RECOMMENDATION
AND MEMORANDUM**

COMES NOW Laclede Gas Company (“Laclede” or “Company”) and for its Response to the Staff Recommendation and Memorandum that was filed in the above-captioned proceeding on or about June 13, 2003, states as follows:


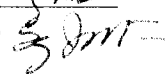
1. On or about June 13, 2003, the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Staff”) filed its Recommendation and Memorandum in the above-referenced case. The Recommendation and Memorandum was submitted in response to the Verified Application that Laclede had filed to establish replacement requirements for the final phase of its unprotected steel main replacement program that had previously been approved pursuant to 4 CSR 240-40.030(15)(E).

2. Laclede wishes to advise the Commission that it concurs with the Staff’s observation at page 2 of its Recommendation (and at pages 3-4 of its Memorandum) that Laclede’s Application does not seek or contemplate a waiver of any pipeline safety rule. Instead, what Laclede seeks with its Application is a definitive specification by the Commission of the replacement requirements that should govern the Company’s unprotected steel main replacement program in the future. Any indication to the contrary

that may have been created by the Application's reference to subsection (16) of 4 CSR 240-40.030 was inadvertent. Laclede apologizes for any confusion or inconvenience that it may have caused on this point.

WHEREFORE, for the foregoing reason, Laclede Gas Company respectfully requests that the Commission take note of this Response.

Respectfully submitted,


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Certificate of Service

The undersigned certifies that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Response of Laclede Gas Company was served on the General Counsel of the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission and the Office of the Public Counsel on this 23rd day of June, 2003 by hand-delivery, email or by placing a copy of such Response, postage prepaid, in the United States mail.


James M. Fischer