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RE: In the Matter of the Tariff Filing of Laclede Gas  
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Tariff No. JG-2003-0048

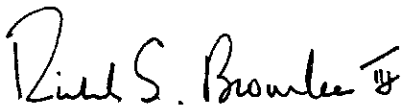
Dear Mr. Roberts:

Enclosed please find the original plus eight (8) copies of  
MSBA Reply to the Responses of Staff and Public Counsel filed on  
behalf of in the above-captioned matter.

If you have any questions concerning the enclosed, please  
give me a call. Thank you.

Very truly yours,

HENDREN AND ANDRAE, L.L.C.

  
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# BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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## MSBA REPLY TO THE RESPONSES OF STAFF AND PUBLIC

### COUNSEL

COMES NOW Missouri School Boards' Association ("MSBA") and for its Reply to the Responses of Staff and Public Counsel states as follows:

1. MSBA has serious concerns over the responses filed by Staff and Public Counsel. The issues raised in the tariff filed by Laclede have been discussed between the various parties for a period of at least one (1) year prior to the actual tariff filing. As such, no one should express surprise regarding the issues raised in the Laclede tariff.

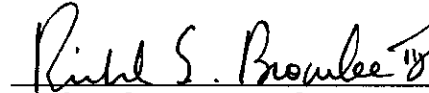
2. All parties must recognize and remember that the entire program is experimental in nature and one that has been mandated by the Missouri Legislature. As such, the parties and the Commission should view the proposal as experimental, limited in time, and one that is unlikely to set long term utility practices in the State of Missouri.

3. It is the best information and belief of MSBA that the experimental natural gas aggregation program contemplated in the Laclede tariff filing will fail due to lack of time to implement the program if the tariff is not approved by the Commission by August 15, 2003.

WHEREFORE, MSBA request approval of the Laclede tariff as herein outlined.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

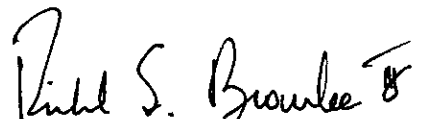
I hereby certify that a true copy of the foregoing has been mailed or and-delivered to the following on this 4<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2003:

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