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February 7, 2003

Mr. Dale Hardy Roberts
Missouri Public Service Commission
P.O. Box 360
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Re: Case No. GR-2001-0387
Case No. GR-2000-0622

**Missouri Public
Service Commission**

Dear Mr. Roberts:

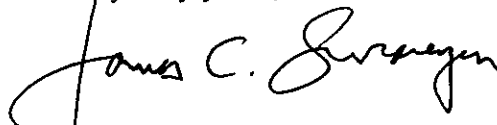
On behalf of Laclede Gas Company, I deliver herewith for filing with the Missouri Public Service Commission in the referenced matter an original and eight (8) copies of a Request for Continuance of Hearing.

Copies of this filing will be provided this date to all parties of record.

Would you please bring this filing to the attention of the appropriate Commission personnel.

Thank you very much for your assistance.

Very truly yours,


James C. Swearengen

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Enclosures

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 Laclede Gas Company's)
Purchased Gas Adjustment Tariff)
Revisions to be Reviewed in Its 2000-)
2001 Actual Cost Adjustment.)

Case No. GR-2001-387

In the Matter of Laclede Gas Company's)
Purchased Gas Adjustment Factors to be)
Reviewed in Its 1999-2000 Actual Cost)
Adjustment.)

Case No. GR-2000-622

REQUEST FOR CONTINUANCE OF HEARING

COMES NOW Laclede Gas Company ("Laclede" or "Company") and, pursuant to 4 CSR 240-2.110 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, requests that the date for hearing in the above-captioned proceedings be continued from February 10, 2003, until at least February 11, 2003. In support thereof, Laclede states as follows:

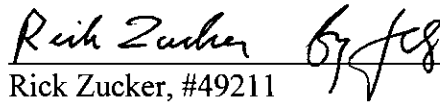
1. The hearing in this matter is currently set for February 10, 11, 13 and 14.¹ Laclede requests a one-day continuance of the hearing owing to the illness of its lead attorney, Mr. Michael C. Pendergast. Laclede believes that Mr. Pendergast will be recovered in sufficient time to proceed with the hearing on February 11, 2003. However, if a continuance of the February 11 date is needed, Laclede agrees to contact the parties and the regulatory law judge by Noon on Monday, February 10. Laclede believes that no party will be prejudiced by a delay of the hearing for one or two days.

2. Laclede has discussed this matter with the other parties to the case, and none object to either a one or two day continuance of the hearing.

¹ Wednesday, February 12 is a state holiday.

WHEREFORE, for the foregoing reasons, and based on good cause shown, Laclede Gas Company respectfully requests that the Commission continue the hearing in this matter until February 11, 2003, and provide that the hearing may be continued until February 13 without further motion, upon notice by Laclede to the other parties and the regulatory law judge by Noon on February 10, 2003, that an additional continuance is needed.

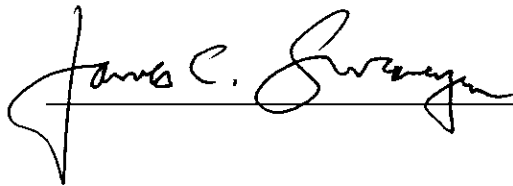
Respectfully submitted,

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Certificate of Service

The undersigned certifies that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Motion was served on the General Counsel of the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission and the Office of the Public Counsel on this 7th day of February, 2003 by email, fax, hand-delivery or by placing a copy of such Motion, postage prepaid, in the United States mail.

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