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Mr. Dale Hardy Roberts
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RE: In the Matter of the Tariff Filing of Laclede Gas
Company - Case No. GT-2003-0032
Tariff No. JG-2003-0048

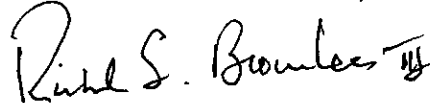
Dear Mr. Roberts:

Enclosed please find the original plus eight (8) copies of
the Position Statement filed on behalf of Missouri School Board
Association 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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MISSOURI SCHOOL BOARDS' ASSOCIATION'S
POSITION STATEMENT

COMES NOW, Missouri School Boards' Association (hereafter "MSBA") by and through its Counsel, Hendren and Andrae, L.L.C., Richard S. Brownlee, III, and for its Position Statement states as follows:

1. With regard to take or pay for interstate pipeline capacity, the Laclede tariff for eligible school entities should be consistent with those tariffs filed by other utilities and approved by the Commission under the experimental program contained in Section 393.310 RSMo.

2. The Laclede tariff for eligible school entities should be consistent with its tariff applicable to large commercial and industrial customers as to transportation services and take or pay provisions.

3. Eligible school entities should not be required to take or pay for pipeline capacity beyond one year from the effective date of Section 393.310 RSMo.

4. Under Laclede's present large commercial and industrial tariff, a customer may switch from sale services to

transportation service without obligation to take or pay for any pipeline capacity for any set period. Further, those customers are able to purchase pipeline capacity from any third party at market prices.

5. Section 393.310 RSMo requires Laclede to offer either aggregate purchasing of natural gas supply and pipeline transportation services under subsection 4(1) or offer resale services under subsection 4(2), but does not require any eligible school entity to take or pay for any pipeline capacity.

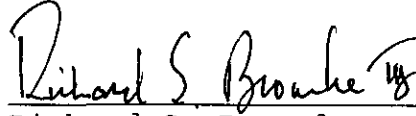
6. Section 393.310 RSMo provides for an aggregation and balancing fee to provide for the administration of the program by Laclede. The aggregation and balancing fee was not designed to force an eligible school entity to take or pay for any pipeline capacity.

7. The Stipulation and tariff previously entered into by the parties were limited to a period ending May 31, 2003, therefore, no agreement was made between the parties as to the cost, term or quantity of interstate pipeline capacity after that time.

8. The Commission should approve the tariff as submitted by the Missouri School Board Association through the testimony of witness Ervin.

Respectfully submitted,

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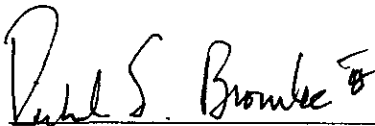
I hereby certify that a true copy of the foregoing has been mailed or and-delivered to the following on this 11th day of October, 2002:

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