

LACLEDE GAS COMPANY
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July 16, 1996

Mr. David L. Rauch
Executive Secretary
Missouri Public Service Commission
P.O. Box 360
Jefferson City, MO 65102

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RE: Case No. EM-96-149

Dear Mr. Rauch:

The purpose of this letter is to confirm that Laclede Gas Company (Laclede) has elected not to be a signatory to the Stipulation and Agreement filed July 12, 1996 by certain other parties in the above-referenced proceeding. Laclede neither supports nor opposes the Stipulation and Agreement, and does not request a hearing in this proceeding pursuant to 4 CSR 240-2.115.

I am enclosing an original and fifteen (15) copies of this letter. Please file-stamp and return the extra copy in the enclosed self-addressed, stamped envelope.

Sincerely,



Thomas M. Byrne
Associate Counsel

TMB: jmp

cc: Counsel of Record

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