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Re: Case No. GT-2003-0117

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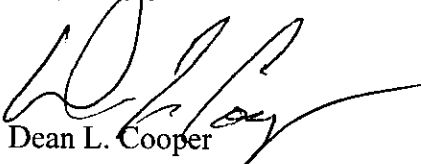
Dear Mr. Roberts:

Enclosed for filing on behalf of Laclede Gas Company ("Laclede"), please find an original and eight (8) copies of a Procedural Recommendations of Laclede Gas Company.

Would you please see that this filing is brought to the attention of the appropriate Commission personnel.

I thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter.

Very truly yours,



Dean L. Cooper

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Enclosure

cc: John Coffman
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**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
STATE OF MISSOURI**

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Service Commission**

In the Matter of the Tariff Filing of)
Laclede Gas Company to Implement)
An Experimental Low Income Assistance) Case No. GT-2003-0117
Program called Catch-Up/Keep-Up)

PROCEDURAL RECOMMENDATIONS
OF LACLEDE GAS COMPANY

COMES NOW Laclede Gas Company ("Laclede" or "Company") and for its
Procedural Recommendations in the above-captioned case, states as follows:

1. On September 23, 2002, Laclede filed a tariff (the "New Tariff")
proposing a revised version of the "Catch-Up/Keep-Up" program (the "Program") that
the Company had initially filed with the Commission on July 29, 2002 (the "Original
Program"), in an effort to implement an energy assistance program for its low-income
customers.

2. By Order dated October 10, 2002, the Commission suspended the New
Tariff until November 21, 2002 and scheduled a prehearing conference for October 23,
2002 for purposes of affording the parties "the opportunity to discuss, define, and
possibly resolve the issues presented." In its Order, the Commission also directed the
Parties to file their procedural recommendations by November 1, 2002.

3. In response, Laclede recommends the following procedural schedule:

November 15, 2002

All Parties file testimony addressing and responding
to the positions and assertions set forth by them and
other Parties in their previous pleadings in this case
as well any related matters

November 18, 2002 (noon)	Local Public Hearing, filing of Issues List and Position Statements
November 19, 2002	Evidentiary Hearing in which all Parties reserve the right to provide concise, additional testimony responding to any new matters raised in the testimony of other Parties submitted on November 15, 2002. Closing Statements to follow evidentiary hearing.
November 25, 2002	Filing of Briefs and Proposed Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law

4. Because of the need to have this matter decided as expeditiously as possible and because it believes the factual disputes between the Parties will be relatively modest and could be thoroughly examined addressed, if necessary, in a long hearing day the Company believes this is a reasonable schedule. Staff and Public Counsel have indicated, however, that they believe a least two days of hearings will be required and it is the Parties' understanding that only November 19, 2002 is available for an evidentiary hearing during the week of November 18th. Public Counsel has also indicated that certain Public Counsel personnel involved in this proceeding have prior commitments during portions of the week of November 18th that would make it very difficult for it to litigate this matter during that week. Accordingly, in the event the Commission determines that an alternative schedule is more appropriate in light of these considerations, it is Laclede's belief that the following schedule would largely accommodate Staff and Public Counsel:

November 18, 2002 (noon)	Local Public Hearing
November 19, 2002	All Parties file testimony addressing and responding to the positions and assertions set forth by them and other Parties in their

previous pleadings in this case as well any related matters

November 21

Filing of Issues List

November 22

Filing of Position Statement

December 2-3, 2002

Evidentiary Hearing in which all Parties reserve the right to provide concise, additional testimony responding to any new matters raised in the testimony of other Parties submitted on November 19, 2002. Closing Statements to follow evidentiary hearing.

December 9, 2002

Parties Submit Briefs and Proposed Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law

5. To accommodate either of these schedules, Laclede requests that the Commission make arrangements for the hearing transcript to be provided on the day following the conclusion of the hearing. Laclede also agrees to provide responses to all data requests previously submitted by Staff and Public Counsel by November 6, 2002, provided that Laclede does not waive its right to object to any data request on customary grounds or to respond that the information requested is not available in the format requested.

WHEREFORE, for the foregoing reasons, Laclede Gas Company respectfully request that the Commission approve the first procedural schedule set forth herein or, should it determine that a different procedural schedule is more appropriate, the second procedural schedule set forth herein.

Respectfully Submitted,

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The undersigned hereby certifies that copies of the foregoing have been emailed, mailed, hand-delivered, or transmitted by facsimile to all counsel of record this 1st day of November 2002.