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Mr. Dale Hardy Roberts Missouri Public Service Commission P.O. Box 360 Jefferson City, MO 65102 FILED³
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Missouri Public Service Commission

Re: GA-2002-429

Dear Mr. Roberts:

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

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.

Sincerely yours,

BRYDON, SWEARENGEN & ENGLAND P.C.

By:

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MOTION TO SUSPEND PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

COMES NOW Laclede Gas Company ("Laclede") and for its Motion To Suspend Procedural Schedule, respectfully states to the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission"):

- 1. On July 23, 2002, the Commission issued its Order Rescheduling Hearing Dates in the above-styled case. The hearings are currently scheduled for August 19-21, 2002.
- 2. On August 15, 2002, the parties participating in the revenue requirement discussions in Case No. GR-2002-356, Laclede's pending general rate increase case, reached an agreement in principle on revenue requirement that would resolve the issues in this case.
- 3. The parties to this case, all of whom are also parties to Case No. GR-2002-356, agree that as a result of the agreement in the rate case the procedural schedule in this instant case should be suspended at this time, pending notification by the Parties.
 - 4. Laclede has been authorized to state that all Parties agree with this request.

WHEREFORE. with the concurrence of the other parties, Laclede respectfully requests that the Commission issue an Order suspending the remainder of the procedural schedule in this case pending.

Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand-delivered, transmitted by facsimile or emailed to all counsel of record this 16th day of August 2002.

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