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Mr. Dale Hardy Roberts
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Missouri Public Service Commission
200 Madison Street, PO Box 360
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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
a Joint Motion for Expedited Treatment filed on behalf of
Laclede Gas Company, Missouri School Boards' Association and
Board of Education of the City of St. Louis in the above-
captioned matter.

If you have any questions concerning the enclosed, please
give me a call. Thank you.

Very truly yours,

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ESEs and approved by the Commission. Laclede's basic transportation customers are not required to purchase pipeline capacity from Laclede. Therefore, Laclede and the MSBA have engaged in negotiations to determine if they could reach a mutual agreement on pipeline capacity.

3. Laclede and the MSBA (along with its member organizations, including BECSTL) have reached an agreement on the treatment of pipeline capacity through the end of the experimental program on June 30, 2005. The agreement is reflected in the revisions to Laclede's Experimental School Aggregation Service tariff, Tariff Sheet Nos. 1-a, 41-43 and 45, filed this day with the Commission.¹ The agreement effectively provides that Laclede will release to the ESEs, and the ESEs will purchase from Laclede, pipeline capacity totaling approximately 80% of the capacity reserved for them by Laclede.² Although Laclede is entitled to keep the revenues it earns from releases of pipeline capacity, the agreement further provides that Laclede will contribute to the Deferred Purchase Gas Account ("PGA") for the benefit of its customers the proceeds from this release to the ESEs. Finally, the agreement provides that the Company shall not be required to absorb the cost of any pipeline capacity formerly reserved to satisfy the requirements of the ESEs prior to the onset of the program.³

4. Although the revised tariff sheets contain an effective date of August 28, 2003, the parties, and particularly the MSBA, seek Commission approval of these tariff

¹ The substance of the agreement is reflected in paragraphs E and J on First Revised Sheets 42, 43 and 45. Sheets 1-a and 41 are revised merely for housekeeping purposes.

² Specifically, First Revised Sheet No. 43 provides that the amount of capacity released shall equal during the November through March winter months and during the April through October summer months 135% and 60% respectively, of the average daily consumption of participating ESEs in the peak usage month for each such ESE that occurred during the 24 months ending September 30, 2002.

³ See Section J on First Revised Sheet No. 45.

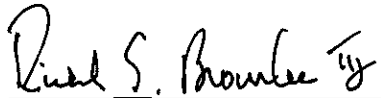
sheets on or before August 6, 2003. The MSBA needs to know whether the Commission will approve this agreement as soon as possible, in order to make the necessary arrangements to implement the program by the November 1, 2003, commencement of the program year, including obtaining the authority and agreement of school districts to participate in the program, registering such districts with Laclede, and arranging for gas supplies. Specifically, each public school board must provide notice and pass resolutions approving participation in Laclede's school aggregation service, at their respective board meetings, beginning August 1, 2003. The benefit that will accrue if the Commission acts by the desired date is that the MSBA will be in a position to implement the experimental program in Laclede territory, as envisioned by the Missouri legislature.

5. This pleading was filed as soon as it could have been, following the agreement reached by Laclede and the MSBA, and the communication of the agreement to Staff and Public Counsel.

WHEREFORE, for the foregoing reasons, the parties hereto respectfully request that the Commission issue an order approving Laclede's revised tariff sheets 1-a, 41-43 and 45, on or before August 6, 2003.

Respectfully submitted,

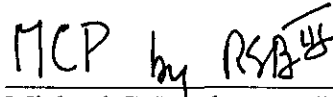
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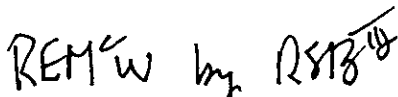


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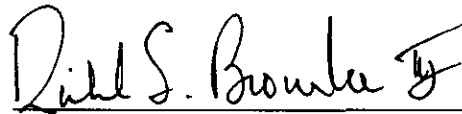
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I hereby certify that a true copy of the foregoing has been mailed or and-delivered to the following on this 25th day of July, 2003:

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A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Richard S. Brownlee, III". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

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