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VIA FEDERAL EXPRESS

The Honorable Dale Hardy Roberts
Executive Secretary
Missouri Public Service Commission
200 Madison Street
P. O. Box 360
Jefferson City, MO 65102-0360

Re: Laclede Gas Company; 2001 Annual Report

Dear Judge Roberts:

Pursuant to Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-10.080(7), please find enclosed the original and eight copies of a Motion for Confidential Treatment of Annual Report, along with one copy of Laclede's 2001 annual report. I also enclose page 104 of Laclede's 2001 annual report, marked as highly confidential for filing under seal. Please file-stamp the additional copy of this Motion and return the same in the pre-addressed, stamped envelope provided.

Please present our request for confidential treatment to the Commission for approval, and let us know whether the request has been granted.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. We look forward to hearing from you.

Very truly yours,



Rick Zucker

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Enclosure

cc: Office of Public Counsel
General Counsel's Office

In the Matter of Laclede Gas Company's 2001 Annual Report to the Commission)
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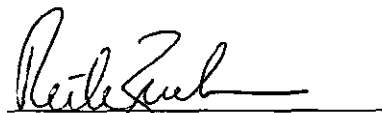
¹ See *In the Matter of the Teligent, Inc., to Close Information Presented in 1998 Annual Report*, Case No. TO-99-543.

3. Laclede is not otherwise required by law to disclose this employee-sensitive information. None of this information can be found in any format in any other public document.

4. Except for the subject page containing highly confidential information, Laclede does not seek confidential treatment for its Annual Report. Since the remainder of the Annual Report will be fully available for public inspection, granting Laclede's request will not negatively affect the public interest. Permitting confidential treatment of employee-sensitive information serves the interest of fairness and justice without compromising the interest of the public.

WHEREFORE, for the foregoing reasons, Laclede respectfully requests that the Commission maintain under seal the portion of the Annual Report designated by Laclede as highly confidential, and enter such order or declaration as is necessary to designate such highly confidential information as a "closed record" under Missouri law.

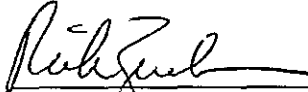
Respectfully submitted,



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Rick Zucker, Assistant General Counsel for Laclede Gas Company, hereby certifies that the foregoing Motion for Confidential Treatment of Annual Report has been duly served upon the General Counsel of the Staff of the Public Service Commission and Office of the Public Counsel by placing a copy thereof in the United States mail, postage prepaid, on this 12th day of April, 2002.


Rick Zucker