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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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Office of Public Counsel General Counsel's Office

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of Laclede Gas Company's 2001)		
Annual Report to the Commission)	Case No	
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MOTION FOR CONFIDENTIAL TREATMENT OF ANNUAL REPORT

COMES NOW Laclede Gas Company ("Laclede" or "Company") and, pursuant to Rule 4 CSR 240-10.080(7) of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, respectfully requests that the Commission maintain under seal as a closed record certain highly confidential information contained in Laclede's 2001 Annual Report. In support thereof, Laclede states as follows:

- 1. In accord with prior Commission orders¹, Laclede herewith submits a confidential version of page 104 of the Annual Report for filing under seal, along with a complete public version of the Annual Report in which the subject page has been clearly marked as containing highly confidential material.
- 2. The page marked as highly confidential contains salary information of specific employees and related data. Good cause exists to maintain this information under seal because it is employee-sensitive information. The Commission has historically protected this sensitive personal information. In fact, this type of information is specifically identified as Highly Confidential in the Commission's standard protective order.

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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.

 Laclede is not otherwise required by law to disclose this employeesensitive 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