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The Honorable Dale Hardy Roberts  
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge  
Missouri Public Service Commission  
P.O. Box 360  
Jefferson City, MO 65102-0360

Re: Case No. GO-2000-394

Dear Judge Roberts:

Enclosed for filing please find the original and eight copies of a Motion for Extension of Time.

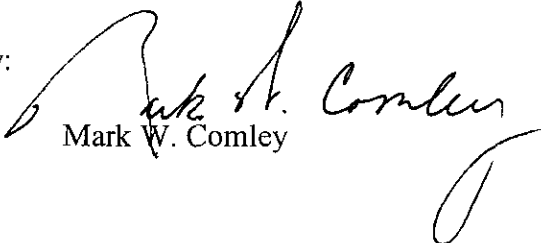
Would you please see that this filing is brought to the attention of the appropriate Commission personnel.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

NEWMAN, COMLEY & RUTH P.C.

By:

  
Mark W. Comley

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Enclosure

cc: Office of Public Counsel  
General Counsel's Office  
Michael C. Pendergast

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### **MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

2. Because the normal ten day response time provided by Rule 4 CSR 240-2.080 (16) contains two weekends and two holidays, Laclede will have had only four full business days in which to review Staff's Recommendation and prepare its response before such response would otherwise be due. Given the importance of the issues raised by Staff's Recommendation, the need to consult various Company personnel in preparing the Company's response, and the time required to prepare a thorough and useful response,

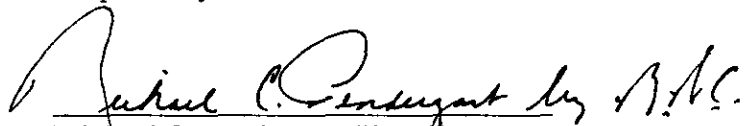
Laclede believes that there is good cause for enlarging the time in which it must submit its response until January 5, 2001.

3. The extension requested herein will not prejudice any other party, but will instead serve to enhance the quality of the information available to the Commission as it evaluates Staff's Recommendation.

4. Laclede has contacted counsel for both the Staff and the Office of the Public Counsel and they have indicated that they have no objection to the extension requested herein.

Wherefore, for the foregoing reasons, Laclede respectfully requests that the Commission issue an Order granting Laclede an extension of time until January 5, 2001, in which to respond to the Staff Recommendation filed in this case on December 22, 2000.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Michael C. Pendergast by B.A.C.", is written over a horizontal line.

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that the foregoing Motion for Extension of Time has been duly served upon the General Counsel of the Staff of the Public Service Commission, Office of the Public Counsel and all parties of record to this proceeding by hand delivery, on this 29 day of December, 2000.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Robert A. Conley", is written over a horizontal line.