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RE: Case No. G0-99-155

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Dear Mr. Roberts:

Enclosed for filing in the above-captioned case are an original and fourteen (14) conformed copies of a **NOTICE OF INTENT TO RESPOND**.

This filing has been mailed or hand-delivered this date to all counsel of record.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely yours,

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Adequacy of Laclede)
Gas Company's Service Line Replacement)
Program and Leak Survey Procedures.)

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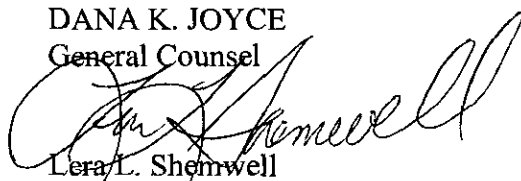
NOTICE OF INTENT TO RESPOND

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff) and notifies the Commission of its intent to respond to Laclede Gas Company's (Laclede) filing of October 6, 1999. On that date Laclede filed its response to Staff's August 31, 1999 recommendations concerning the adequacy of Laclede's survey procedures of their gas service lines and their copper service line replacement program.

Staff met with Laclede on September 28, 1999, to discuss Laclede's response to Staff's recommendations and also had further discussions in a telephone conference. Staff is carefully reviewing Laclede's comments and considering the proposals contained in Laclede's response. Staff will respond to Laclede's filing no later than October 29, 1999.

Respectfully submitted,

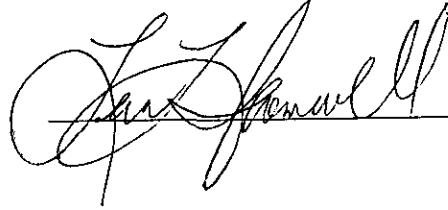
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I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed first class mail postage prepaid to all counsel of record as shown on the attached service list this 20th day of October, 1999.



A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "L. Z. Howell", is written over a horizontal line.

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