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Missouri Public Service Commission

Mr. Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge
Missouri Public Service Commission
P. O. Box 360
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RE: Case No. GO-99-155

Dear Mr. Roberts:

Enclosed for filing in the above-captioned case are an original and fourteen (14) conformed copies of a MOTION TO ESTABLISH EXPEDITED PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE.

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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LLS:sw Enclosure

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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In the matter of Laclede Gas Company)	,	007.0.0.4000
regarding the adequacy of Laclede's)		OCT 2 9 1999
service line replacement program and)	Case No. GO-99-155	
leak survey procedures.)		Missouri Public Service Commission

MOTION TO ESTABLISH EXPEDITED PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff) and for ITS motion to Establish an Expedited Procedural Schedule states:

- 1. On August 31, 1999, Staff filed its official case file Memorandum in the above captioned case. This Memorandum outlined Staff's evaluation of the adequacy of Laclede Gas Company's (Laclede or Company) current direct buried copper service line replacement program and the effectiveness of the Company's leak survey procedures and investigations.
- On October 6, 1999, Laclede filed its response to Staff's August 31, 1999
 Memorandum.
- 3. On October 29, 1999, Staff filed its Memorandum in response to Laclede's Response to Staff's Memorandum.
- 4. As stated in Staff's October 29, 1999 Memorandum, Staff is suggesting that the Commission schedule a hearing for the purpose of resolving the remaining issues between the Parties in this case.

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WHEREFORE the Staff is requesting that the Commission order a prehearing conference for the purpose of establishing an expedited procedural schedule for a hearing to be held in January or February 2000.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that the foregoing has been served on all parties of record as shown on the attached service list.

Lera/L. Shemwell

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