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VIA FACSIMILE

Mr. Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge
Missouri Public Service Commission
Harry S Truman Building
301 W. High Street, 5th Floor
Jefferson City, MO 65101

RE: Case No. GR-99-315

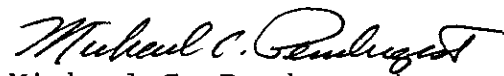
Dear Mr. Roberts:

Enclosed for filing on behalf of Laclede Gas Company ("Laclede") in the above-referenced case, please find the original and fourteen copies of the Motion to Establish Procedural Schedule in the above-referenced case. Please see that this filing is brought to the attention of the appropriate Commission personnel.

Laclede notes that it is filing copies of a facsimile transmission of its Motion to Establish Procedural Schedule pursuant to 4 CSR 240-2.080(3). In accordance with that rule, the original of the motion and this letter are being sent to the Commission by next-day mail.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,


Michael C. Pendergast
Associate General Counsel

MCP:jaa

cc: All parties of record

Enclosure

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURIMissouri Public
Service Commission

In the Matter of Laclede Gas)
Company's Tariff to Revise) Case No. GR-99-315
Natural Gas Rate Schedules.)

MOTION TO ESTABLISH PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

COMES NOW Laclede Gas Company ("Laclede" or "Company")
and for its Motion to Establish Procedural Schedule in the
above referenced case states as follows:

1. On January 26, 1999, Laclede filed revised tariff
sheets in which it proposed a general increase in its rates
for utility service.

2. On February 9, 1999, the Commission issued its
Suspension Order and Notice in which it suspended the
Proposed Tariff Sheets and scheduled evidentiary hearings in
the above referenced case beginning August 9, 1999 and
extending through August 13, 1999.

3. On February 25, 1999, the Commission issued its
Order Directing Filing of Testimony, in which it ordered the
Company to file its direct testimony and schedules, together
with its true-up and test year recommendations on or before
March 11, 1999. In the same Order, the Commission also
directed the Commission Staff and the Office of the Public
Counsel, as well as any intervenors, to file their test year
and true-up recommendations on or before April 1, 1999.

4. In order to facilitate the establishment of the
remaining procedural dates in this proceeding, Laclede has
developed a proposed procedural schedule that is based upon

and fully accommodates the evidentiary hearing dates previously adopted by the Commission in its February 9, 1999 Order in this case. Specifically, Laclede proposes that the following procedural schedule be adopted:

Staff, Public Counsel, and Intervenors File Direct Testimony and Schedules on Revenue Requirement	6/03/99
Staff, Public Counsel, and Intervenors File Direct Testimony and Schedules on Rate Design	6/10/99
Prehearing Conference	6/21/99 through 6/25/99
All Parties File Rebuttal Testimony and Schedules	7/15/99
All Parties File Surrebuttal Testimony and Schedules	7/28/99
Hearing Memorandum	8/02/99

5. Laclede would note that in developing this proposed schedule it has attempted to provide filing intervals between the evidentiary hearing scheduled in this case and the preceding procedural dates that are consistent with those filing intervals adopted by the Commission in previous rate case proceedings involving Laclede. Laclede accordingly believes its proposed schedule is reasonable and should be adopted.

6. Laclede has contacted Counsel for the other existing or prospective parties in this case and has been

advised that no existing or prospective party, other than the Commission Staff, objects to the procedural schedule set forth above.

WHEREFORE, for the foregoing reasons, Laclede Gas Company respectfully requests that the Commission adopt the procedural schedule set forth herein.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Michael C. Pendergast", written in dark ink.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Michael C. Pendergast, Associate General Counsel for Laclede Gas Company, hereby certifies that the foregoing Motion to Establish Procedural Schedule in this case has been duly served upon all parties of record to this proceeding by placing a copy thereof in the United States mail, postage prepaid, on this 5th day of March, 1999.

Michael C. Pendergast