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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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Missouri Public
Service Commission

In the matter of Laclede Gas Company's
Experimental Price Stabilization Fund

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) Case No. GO-2000-394

**MOTION TO PERMIT TARIFF SHEET TO BECOME
EFFECTIVE ON LESS THAN THIRTY DAYS' NOTICE**

COMES NOW Laclede Gas Company ("Laclede" and "Company"), pursuant to §393.140 (11) RSMo. 1994, and submits its Motion To Permit Tariff Sheet to Become Effective on Less Than Thirty Days' Notice. In support thereof, Laclede states as follows.

1. On September 1, 2000, Laclede, the Staff of the Public Service Commission ("Staff"), and the Office of the Public Counsel ("Public Counsel") filed a Unanimous Stipulation and Agreement in the above-captioned case in which they recommended that the Commission approve certain revisions to the Company's Price Stabilization Program for this year only. In view of the proximity of the winter heating season, the Parties further requested that the Commission approve the Unanimous Stipulation and Agreement as soon as possible.

2. On September 28, 2000, the Commission issued its Order in which it, among other things, approved the Unanimous Stipulation and Agreement and directed Laclede to file tariff sheets consistent therewith by no later than October 12, 2000.

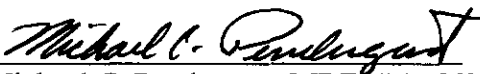
3. To that end, Laclede has on this date filed a revised tariff sheet to reflect the fact that the Price Stabilization Program is now also subject to the terms of the Unanimous Stipulation and Agreement approved by the Commission in this case. Since such tariff sheet complies with the Commission's Order approving the Unanimous

Stipulation and Agreement, and since the need for timely implementation of this revision in advance of the winter heating season remains, Laclede Gas Company respectfully submits that there is good cause for approving this tariff sheet on less than thirty days' notice. Laclede therefore requests that the Commission issue its Order approving the tariff sheet as soon as practicable, but no later than October 12, 2000.

4. Laclede has given Staff and Public Counsel an opportunity to review this Motion and the tariff sheet filed on this date in Case No. GO-2000-394, and counsel for both Parties have indicated that they have no objection to either the tariff sheet or the relief requested herein and have authorized the undersigned to so state in this Motion.

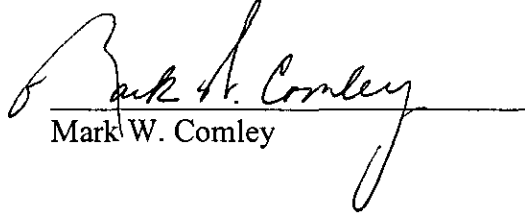
WHEREFORE, for the foregoing reasons, Laclede respectfully requests that the Commission issue its Order approving on less than thirty days' notice the tariff sheet filed on this date in compliance with the September 1, 2000, Stipulation and Agreement in Case No. GO-2000-394.

Respectfully Submitted,


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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Mark W. Comley hereby certifies that the foregoing Motion was duly served upon the General Counsel of the Missouri Public Service Commission and the Office of the Public Counsel, by hand delivering a copy of such Motion to these Parties on October 5, 2000.


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