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Mr. Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge
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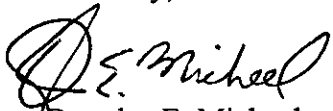
**RE: Laclede Gas Company,
Case No. GO-2000-395**

Dear Mr. Roberts:

Enclosed for filing in the above referenced case, please find the original and 14 copies of **Public Counsel's Response to Commission Notice Shortening Time in Which to Respond**. Please "file stamp" the extra enclosed copy and return it to this office. I have on this date mailed, faxed, or hand-delivered the appropriate number of copies to all counsel of record.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,


Douglas E. Micheel
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cc: Counsel of record

Enclosure

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

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In the matter of the Laclede Gas Company's)
Gas Supply Incentive Plan (GSIPII).)

Case No. GO-2000-395

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**PUBLIC COUNSEL'S RESPONSE TO COMMISSION
NOTICE SHORTENING TIME IN WHICH TO RESPOND**

COMES NOW, the Office of the Public Counsel ("Public Counsel") and for its Response pursuant to the Commission's February 16, 2000 Order Shortening Time in Which to Respond states as follows:

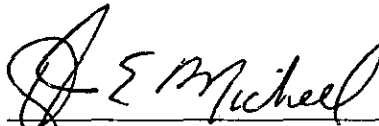
The Office of the Public Counsel supports the recommendation filed by the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission on February 15, 2000 with respect to the continuation of Laclede Gas Company's Gas Supply Incentive Plan II.

Wherefore, the Public Counsel requests the Commission suspend Laclede Gas Company's tariffs consistent with the recommendation and memorandum filed by the Staff of the Public Service Commission on February 15, 2000.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing has been faxed, mailed or hand-delivered to the following counsel of record on this 18th day of February, 2000:

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