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RE: GR-99-315

Dear Mr. Roberts:

Enclosed for filing in the above-captioned case are an original and fourteen (14) conformed copies of a **TEST YEAR RECOMMENDATION OF STAFF**.

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 MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
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In the Matter of Laclede Gas Company's)
Tariff to Revise Natural Gas Rate)
Schedules)

Case No. GR-99-315

TEST YEAR RECOMMENDATION OF STAFF

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff) and for its recommendation as to the proper test year to be adopted in the above-captioned proceeding states as follows:

1. On March 11, 1999, Laclede Gas Company (Laclede) filed its Recommendation Concerning Test Year and Motion for True-Up Audit and Hearing. Laclede recommended a test year ending December 31, 1998 be used, "and that such test year be updated through at least March 31, 1999 or such later date as can be accommodated by the procedural schedule ultimately adopted in this proceeding."
2. On March 30, 1999, the Commission extended the filing date for Staff's test year recommendation to April 6, 1999 in the Commission's *Order Extending Filing Deadline and Granting Protective Order*.
3. Staff concurs with the recommendation proposed by Laclede in its March 11, 1999 filing.

WHEREFORE, the Staff respectfully requests that the Commission issue an order establishing a test year of the twelve months ending December 31, 1998, as updated through March 31, 1999.

Respectfully submitted,

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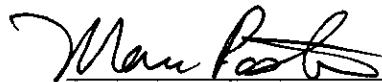


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