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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 **JOINT MOTION TO SUSPEND 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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**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

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In the Matter of the Adequacy of)
Laclede Gas Company's Service Line)
Replacement Program and Leak Survey)
Procedures.)

Case No. GO-99-155

Missouri Public
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JOINT MOTION TO SUSPEND PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

COME NOW the Parties and for their Motion to Suspend the Procedural Schedule in the above referenced case, state as follows:

1. By its Order dated October 30, 1998, the Commission established this case to investigate the adequacy of Laclede Gas Company's direct buried copper service line replacement program and leak survey procedures.

2. On August 31, 1999, Staff issued its Report Pertaining to an Investigation into Laclede's Leak Survey Procedures and Copper Service Line Replacement Program.

3. On October 6, 1999, Laclede filed its Response of Laclede Gas Company to Staff Memorandum and Proposals indicating that Laclede has been cooperating with Staff and that many of the issues in this case have been resolved.

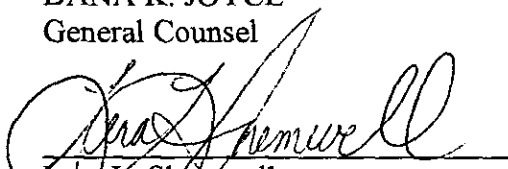
4. On January 3, 2000, the Parties filed a Unanimous Partial Stipulation and Agreement.

5. The Parties have generally reached agreement as to the other contested issues in this case, and are in the process of preparing a Unanimous Stipulation and Agreement for Commission approval. The Parties expect the Stipulation and Agreement to resolve all of the matters at issue.

WHEREFORE the Parties respectfully request that the Commission suspend the procedural schedule for two weeks and postpone the evidentiary hearing presently set for February 17-18, 2000 to permit the Parties time to complete the Unanimous Stipulation and Agreement.

Respectfully submitted,

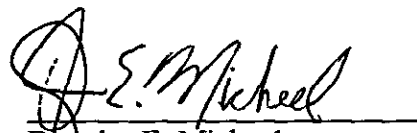
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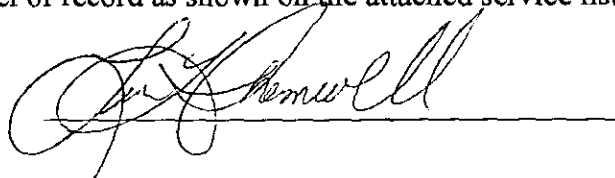
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