

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
JEFFERSON CITY
March 26, 2002**

CASE NO: GO-99-155

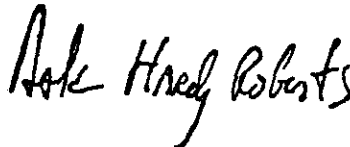
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Enclosed find certified copy of an ORDER in the above-numbered case(s).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Dale Hardy Roberts". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

**Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge**

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a session of the Public Service
Commission held at its office in
Jefferson City on the 26th day
of March, 2002.

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

Case No. GO-99-155

ORDER ACKNOWLEDGING REPORT AND DIRECTING FILING

On October 30, 1998, this case was opened as a general investigation case to receive information relevant to the adequacy of Laclede Gas company's copper-service-line program and the effectiveness of Laclede's leak survey procedures. On February 18, 2000, Laclede, the Staff of the Commission, and the Office of the Public Counsel filed a Unanimous Stipulation and Agreement that addresses Laclede's copper service line replacement. As part of the Agreement, Laclede agreed to submit annual reports to Staff, no later than April 30 of each program year, detailing the direct-buried copper-service-line renewals and relays completed, and agreed to submit additional reports confirming the achievement of other milestones under the Agreement. The Agreement further provides that after the third year of the program, Laclede and Staff will review the progress and results of the program to determine future relay/renewal plans, including the rate of such future actions, and potential modifications to survey techniques and other related matters. On May 18, 2000, the Commission issued an order approving the Stipulation and Agreement.

On January 8, 2002, Staff filed a Motion to File Report Regarding Laclede's Copper Service Line Replacement Program. Staff indicates that during an October 2001 Agenda Meeting, the Commission requested that Staff provide an update to the Commission regarding Laclede's direct-buried copper-service-line replacement program. In response, Staff states that it has and will continue to monitor the effectiveness of Laclede's direct-buried service line replacement program and leak surveys to ensure compliance with the Commission's safety rules and with the provisions of the Stipulation and Agreement. If at any time during the existence of the program Staff believes that changes must be made, Staff will file a notice with the Commission. Staff attached a memorandum explaining the status of the program. No responses to Staff's report were filed.

The Commission acknowledges that Staff's report was filed in the official case file on January 8, 2002. In order to facilitate the Commission's continuing oversight of Laclede's Copper Service Line Replacement Program, the Commission will direct Staff to file an additional status report in six months.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the Commission acknowledges the filing of Staff's January 8, 2002 report.
2. That Staff shall file an additional status report on September 26, 2002, updating the Commission of the status of the program.

3. That this order shall become effective on April 5, 2002.

BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dale Hardy Roberts".

**Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge**

(SEAL)

Simmons, Ch., Lumpe, Gaw,
and Forbis, CC., concur.
Murray, C., absent.

Ruth, Senior Regulatory Law Judge

ALJ/Secretary: Ruth Long
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CASE NO. GD-99-155
Simmons, Chair
Murray, Commissioner about
Lumpe, Commissioner 2/28-1
Gaw, Commissioner 2/28
Forbis, Commissioner
Agenda Date 3-26
Action taken: 4-0 AS
Must Vote Not Later Than _____

STATE OF MISSOURI

OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

I have compared the preceding copy with the original on file in this office and
I do hereby certify the same to be a true copy therefrom and the whole thereof.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the Public Service Commission, at Jefferson City,
Missouri, this 26th day of March 2002 .

Dale Hardy Roberts

Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

