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Mr. Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge
Missouri Public Service Commission
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301 W. High Street
Jefferson City, MO 65101

**Missouri Public
Service Commission**

Re: Case No. GO-99-155

Dear Mr. Roberts:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced case, please find an original and fourteen copies of Laclede Gas Company's report on the status of its efforts to replace leaking direct-buried copper service lines in Pressure Region 1. Please see that this filing is brought to the attention of the appropriate Commission personnel.

Please file-stamp the additional copy of this pleading and return the same in the pre-addressed, stamped envelope provided.

Sincerely,



Thomas M. Byrne

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cc: All parties of record

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December 27, 1999

Mr. Robert R. Leonberger
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Missouri Public Service Commission
Post Office Box 360
Jefferson City, Missouri 65102

**Re: Case No. GO-99-155 - Report on Status of Company's Efforts to Replace
Leaking Direct-Buried Copper Service Lines in Pressure Region 1**

Dear Mr. Leonberger:

As you know, Laclede Gas Company ("Laclede" or "Company") began a program on July 23, 1999, to replace by January 1, 2000, the 720 direct-buried copper service lines in Pressure Region 1 that had been identified as having Class 3 leaks during the Company's 1999 bar-hole survey. This commitment was subsequently formalized as a part of the recommendations set forth in the Staff's August 31, 1999, Memorandum in Case No. GO-99-155 and the Company's October 5, 1999 Response thereto. In its October 5, 1999 Response, Laclede also proposed to provide a report by December 31, 1999, advising the Commission of the status of its efforts to meet this commitment.

In accordance with these undertakings, please be advised that the Company has successfully completed the replacement of all direct-buried copper services located in Pressure Region 1 that were identified as having Class 3 leaks during the Company's 1999 bar hole survey. Also please note that pursuant to the Company's previous commitment, all of these services were replaced on a main-to-meter basis.

If you have any questions or require additional information regarding this matter, please call me at (314) 658-5413 or Dr. Patrick Seamands at (314) 658-5414.

Sincerely,



Mark D. Lauber
Superintendent, Maintenance Engineering

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