

STATE OF MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION JEFFERSON CITY March 10, 2000

CASE NO: GO-99-155

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

Sincerely,

Hoke Havely Roberts

Dale Hardy Roberts Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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

Case No. GO-99-155

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ORDER SUSPENDING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE AND DIRECTING RESPONSE

On February 18, 2000, the parties herein filed their Unanimous Stipulation and Agreement (Stipulation) seeking the approval of the Commission for a settlement disposing of all issues in this case. While the Commission considers the parties' Stipulation, it will suspend the existing procedural schedule, including the hearing currently set for March 14-15, 2000.

The Commission also notes that the Stipulation indicates that the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff) shall submit to the Commission a memorandum and/or testimony explaining its rationale for entering into the Stipulation. However, the Stipulation does not specify when the Staff shall provide such filing. Since such input from the Staff will assist the Commission in resolution of this matter, the Commission directs that the Staff shall file a memorandum and/or testimony explaining its rationale for entering into the Stipulation. In the interest of moving towards a prompt resolution of this matter, the Commission directs that Staff file such memorandum and/or testimony no later than thirty days from the issue date of this order. If it is not feasible for the Staff to comply within the thirty days, the Staff shall so advise the Commission and shall suggest an alternative date.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the procedural schedule established herein by order issued on February 10, 2000, is suspended until further order of the Commission.

2. That the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission shall file, no later than April 10, 2000, a memorandum and/or testimony explaining its rationale for entering into the Unanimous Stipulation and Agreement.

3. That this order shall become effective on March 21, 2000.

BY THE COMMISSION

Hole Hredy Roberts

Dale Hardy Roberts Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

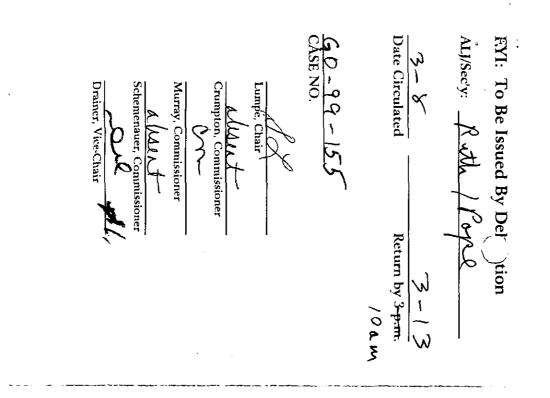
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Vicky Ruth, Regulatory Law Judge, by delegation of authority pursuant to 4 CSR 240-2.120(1) (November 30, 1995) and Section 386.240, RSMo 1994.

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Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri, on this 10th day of March, 2000.



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 <u>10th</u> day of March 2000.

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Dale Hardy Roberts Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

