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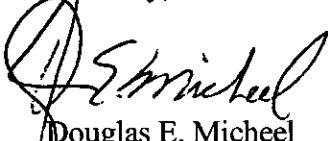
RE: Laclede Gas Company
Case Nos. GR-99-315

Dear Mr. Roberts:

Enclosed for filing please find the original and fourteen copies of **Public Counsel's Recommendation Concerning Test Year**. I have on this date mailed or hand-delivered copies to all counsel of record. Please "file" stamp the extra-enclosed copy and return it to this office.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,


Douglas E. Micheel
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Enclosures

cc: Counsel of Record

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

In the Matter of Laclede Gas Company's)
Tariff Sheets to Revise Natural Gas Rates)

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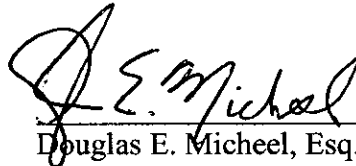
Public Counsel's Recommendation Concerning Test Year

Comes now the Office of the Public Counsel ("Public Counsel") and for its Recommendation Concerning Test Year in the above-referenced case states as follows:

1. By Order dated February 25, 1999, the Commission directed Staff, Public Counsel and intervenors to file a pleading concurring in Laclede's proposed test year or recommending alternatives to Laclede's proposed test year on or before April 1, 1999.
2. By Order dated March 30, 1999 the Commission granted Staff an extension of time to file its test year recommendation no later than April 6, 1999.
3. Public Counsel concurs with Laclede's recommended test year set-out in its March 11, 1999 recommendation.
4. Public Counsel also requests that the Commission Order Laclede to update its accounting information consistent with the test year ordered by the Commission.

WHEREFORE, Public Counsel requests the Commission order a test year ending December 31, 1998 updated for known and measurable changes through March 31, 1999, and requiring Laclede Gas Company to update its accounting information consistent with the test year ordered by the Commission.

Respectfully submitted,
OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC COUNSEL

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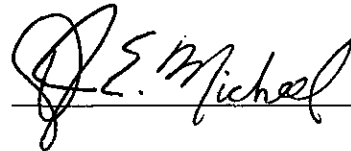
I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing has been mailed or hand-delivered to the following on this 31st day of March, 1999:

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