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VIA HAND DELIVERY

Mr. Dale Roberts Secretary and Chief Regulatory Law Judge Missouri Public Service Commission 310 W. High St., Room 530 Jefferson City, MO 65102

Re: The Matter of Laclede Gas Company's Tariff Sheets to Revise Natural

Gas Rate Schedules-Case No. GR-99-315

Dear Mr. Roberts:

Enclosed for filing are the original and fourteen copies of the Application to Intervene on behalf OF Barnes-Jewish Hospital, DaimlerChrysler Corporation, Emerson Electric Company and SSM HealthCare in the above referenced case.

An additional copy of the Application is enclosed, with the request it be file-stamped and returned to the undersigned.

Thank you for you assistance in bringing this filing to the attention of the Commission.

Yours very truly,

Robert C. Johnsør

Enclosures

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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In the matter of Laclede Gas Company's)	
Tariff Sheets to Revise Natural Gas)	Case No. GR-99-315
Rate Schedules)	

APPLICATION TO INTERVENE

Barnes-Jewish Hospital, DaimlerChrysler Corporation, Emerson Electric Company and SSM HealthCare (the "Applicants"), by their attorney pursuant to 4 CSR 240-2.110, move this Commission for leave to intervene in the above-styled proceeding. In support of their Application to Intervene, Applicants state as follows:

- 1. Applicants own and operate large industrial plants and hospitals within the state of Missouri, and are purchasers of substantial amounts of natural gas and transportation service from Laclede Gas Company ("Laclede").
- 2. The proposed rate increase as reflected in the rate schedules filed by Laclede in this proceeding will result in substantial increases in the cost of natural gas and transportation service to Applicants.
 - 3. The position of the Applicants is in opposition to the relief sought.
- 4. Applicants are filing after the intervention period originally specified in the Commission's Suspension Order and Notice dated February 9, 1999 because Applicants only recently completed their analysis of Laclede's rate increase filing and its substantial impact on Applicants. Additional reasons for this late filing included the unavailability and illness of client representatives.
- 5. Applicants agree to accept the record in its present state and the granting of this Application will not delay or hinder the proceedings in this case.



6. Counsel for the Commission Staff, Office of Public Counsel and Laclede Gas Company have advised they do not oppose this Application.

WHEREFORE, having stated their grounds for intervention and their position and interest in these proceedings, Applicants request that the Commission grant this Application to Intervene and thereby entitle Applicants to have notice and to appear at the taking of testimony, to produce and cross-examine witnesses, and to be heard in person or by counsel on the argument, and in all other respects to be made parties to this proceeding.

Dated April 12, 1999

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day served the foregoing Application to Intervene upon all parties of record in this proceeding by hand delivery or by mailing, by first class mail, to each party, a copy thereof, in properly addressed envelopes with postage prepaid.

Dated at St. Louis, Missouri this 12th day of April, 1999.