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December 21, 1999

Mr. Dale H. Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge
Public Service Commission
P. O. Box 360
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RE: Laclede Gas Company
Case No. GR-99-315

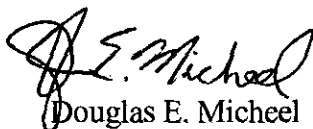
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Dear Mr. Roberts:

Enclosed for filing please find the original and fourteen copies of **Response to Request for Expedited Clarification**. 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
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In the Matter of Laclede Gas Company's)
Tariff Sheets to Revise Natural Gas Rates)
Schedules.)

Case No. GR-99-315

Response to Request for Expedited Clarification

Comes now the Office of the Public Counsel ("Public Counsel") and pursuant to the December 17, 1999 Order of the Missouri Public Service Commission makes this response to Laclede Gas Company's ("Laclede") Request for Expedited Clarification:

The Office of the Public Counsel concurs in the Response to Request for Expedited Clarification filed by the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission in this matter on or about December 21, 1999.

WHEREFORE: Having responded to the Commission's December 17, 1999 Order Public Counsel asks the Commission to clarify its December 14, 1999 Report and Order in this case as promptly as can be done.

Respectfully submitted,
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing has been mailed or hand-delivered to the following on this 21st day of December, 1999:

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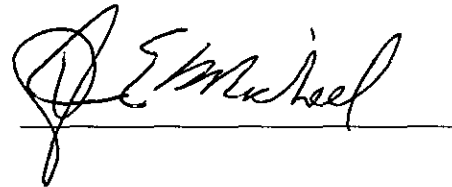
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