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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application of)	
LACLEDE GAS COMPANY for an Order)	
Authorizing LACLEDE GAS COMPANY to Issue)	
and Sell First Mortgage Bonds, Unsecured)	
Debt and Authorized but Unissued Common)	
Stock of the Company in a Total Amount not)	
to Exceed \$350,000,000 Together with)	<u>Case No. GF-2000-843</u>
Certain Rights to Accompany the Common)	
Stock and Any Additional Shares of Common)	
Stock as May Be Required by the Exercise)	
of Such Rights; All Pursuant to a Universal)	
Shelf Registration Statement)	

NOTICE OF DEFICIENCY AND ORDER DIRECTING COMPLIANCE

On June 23, 2000, Laclede Gas Company (Laclede) filed a verified application requesting that the Commission grant it the authority to issue and sell various debt and equity instruments. Laclede's application is deficient in two respects. First, the application fails to comply with the requirements of 4 CSR 240-2.080(19)&(20) in that it does not include a certificate of service showing that the application was served on the Office of the Public Counsel and upon the General Counsel of the Public Service Commission. Second, the application fails to comply with the requirements of 4 CSR 240-2.080(17) in that Laclede is seeking expedited treatment for its application but has not filed a pleading entitled Motion for Expedited Treatment. The regulation requires that the Motion for Expedited Treatment set out with particularity the following:

- (A) The date by which the party desires the commission to act;
- (B) The harm that will be avoided, or the benefit that will accrue, including a statement of the negative effect, or that there will be no negative effect, on the party's customers or the general public, if the commission acts by the date desired by the party; and
- (C) That the pleading was filed as soon as it could have been or an explanation why it was not.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That Laclede Gas Company shall, no later than July 3, 2000, correct the noted deficiencies in its application.
2. That this order shall become effective on July 3, 2000.

BY THE COMMISSION



**Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge**

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

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 26th day of June, 2000.