STATE OF MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION JEFFERSON CITY August 16, 2000

CASE NO: GF-2000-843

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

Sincerely,

Dale Hardy Roberts

Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

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
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

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NOTICE SHORTENING TIME IN WHICH TO RESPOND

On August 15, 2000, Laclede Gas Company (Laclede) filed a Request for Clarification that asked the Commission to add specific language to the Order Granting Application that the Commission issued on August 10.

In order that Laclede's Request for Clarification may be considered expeditiously, all interested parties are hereby notified that any response to Laclede's Request for Clarification must be filed on or before August 23, 2000.

BY THE COMMISSION

Dale Hardy Roberts

Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

(SEAL)

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri, on this 16th day of August, 2000.

Woodruff, Regulatory Law Judge