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Re: Case No. GO-2002-1099

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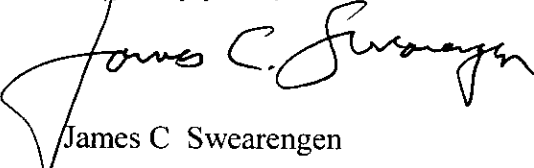
Dear Mr Roberts

Enclosed for filing on behalf of Laclede Gas Company, please find an original and eight (8) copies of a Motion for Protective Order

Would you please see that this filing is brought to the attention of the appropriate Commission personnel

I thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter

Very truly yours,


James C Swearengen

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Enclosure
cc All Parties of Record

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
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In the Matter of Laclede Gas Company's)
Transfer of Its Gas Supply Function)
to a Separate Corporation)

Case No. GO-2002-1099

MOTION FOR PROTECTIVE ORDER

COMES NOW Laclede Gas Company ("Laclede" or "Company") and, pursuant to Rules 4 CSR 240-2 080 and 4 CSR 240-2 085 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, respectfully requests that the Commission issue its standard Protective Order in the above captioned case. In support thereof, Laclede states as follows:

1 On May 31, 2002, Staff filed its motion to investigate what Staff characterized as a transfer by Laclede of its gas supply function.

2 Subsequent to the tariff filing, Laclede has received numerous data requests, some of which seek highly confidential or proprietary material. Laclede has responded to these requests, and has marked such documents to indicate their confidential nature. The Company may receive more such requests.

3 None of the information for which Laclede seeks protection can be found in any format in any other public document.

4 The Commission has previously recognized in a variety of contexts the need to protect such sensitive information and that the issuance of a protective order will serve to minimize any disputes among the parties and ensure that the Commission and the parties receive useful information in an appropriate manner. See e.g. **Re: Missouri Gas Energy**, Case No. GR-2001-292, Order Establishing Protective Order (issued December

7, 2000), and **Re: Empire District Electric Company**, Case No ER-2001-299, Order Adopting Protective Order (issued November 28, 2000) The same considerations warrant issuance of a protective order in this case

WHEREFORE, for the foregoing reasons, Laclede respectfully requests that the Commission issue its standard protective order in this proceeding providing for the protection of highly confidential or proprietary information

Respectfully submitted,

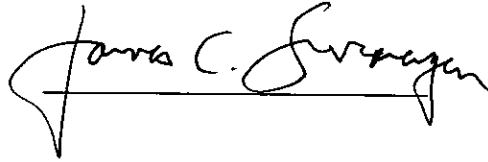


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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that the foregoing Motion for Protective Order has been duly served upon the General Counsel of the Staff of the Public Service Commission and the Office of the Public Counsel by email, fax, or by placing a copy thereof in the United States mail, postage prepaid, on this 27th day of November, 2002

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Anna C. Suragan", is written over a horizontal line.