

**STATE OF MISSOURI  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
JEFFERSON CITY  
March 20, 2001**

**CASE NO: GO-2000-394**

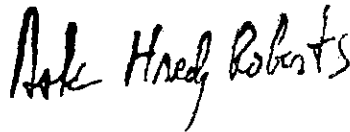
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**Enclosed find certified copy of an ORDER in the above-numbered case(s).**

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dale Hardy Roberts". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

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

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**  
**OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

In the Matter of Laclede Gas Company's        )  
Experimental Price Stabilization Fund.        )     Case No. GO-2000-394

**ORDER DIRECTING FILING**

Laclede Gas Company (Laclede) filed a proposed tariff on February 23, 2001, indicating that the tariff was filed in compliance with the Commission's February 13, 2001 Order Modifying the Experimental Price Stabilization Program. The proposed tariff bore an effective date of March 26, 2001.

On March 15, 2001, the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff) filed a Motion to Suspend Laclede's tariff. Staff states that the tariff filing should be suspended because it contains language that does not comply with the Commission's directive in its Order that "Laclede file, no later than February 23, 2001, a tariff revision implementing its offer to contribute, for the third year of the program, an additional \$4 million of its own funds to the \$4 million that is currently authorized."

On March 19, 2001, Laclede filed a Motion for Opportunity to Respond Fully to Staff's Motion to Suspend. Laclede requests that the Commission grant it until noon on March 21, 2001, to fully respond to Staff's Motion to Suspend.

The Commission has reviewed the tariff filing, Staff's Motion to Suspend, and Laclede's Motion for Opportunity to Respond Fully to

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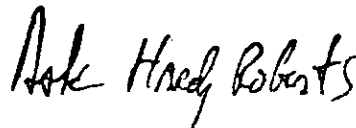
Staff's Motion to Suspend. The Commission finds that Laclede's request is reasonable and should be granted.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

1. That the Laclede Gas Company's Motion for Opportunity to Respond Fully to Staff's Motion to Suspend is granted. Laclede Gas Company may file a response to the Staff's Motion to Suspend no later than noon on March 21, 2001.

2. That this order shall become effective on March 20, 2001.

**BY THE COMMISSION**



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

( S E A L )

Vicky Ruth, 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 20th day of March, 2001.

**STATE OF MISSOURI**

**OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

I have compared the preceding copy with the original on file in this office and  
I do hereby certify the same to be a true copy therefrom and the whole thereof.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the Public Service Commission, at Jefferson City,  
Missouri, this 20<sup>th</sup> day of March 2001.

*Dale Hardy Roberts*

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

