

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
JEFFERSON CITY
August 29, 2000**

CASE NO: GF-2000-843

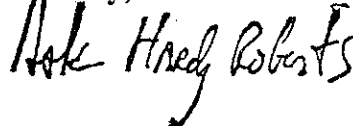
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Enclosed find certified copy of an Order in the above-numbered case(s).

Sincerely,

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Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a Session of the Public Service
Commission held at its office
in Jefferson City on the 29th
day of August, 2000.

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)

Case No. GF-2000-843

**ORDER GRANTING REQUEST FOR CLARIFICATION AND
AMENDING ORDER GRANTING APPLICATION**

On August 10, 2000, the Commission issued an order that authorized Laclede Gas Company (Laclede) 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. That order indicated that it would become effective on August 22.

On August 15, Laclede filed a pleading entitled Request for Clarification. Laclede's pleading pointed out that the Commission did not make any specific findings in its order regarding the purposes to which the proceeds of the issuance were to be applied and whether the money procured from such issuance and sale were reasonably required for such purposes. Laclede indicated that such a finding was required by Section 393.200.1,

RSMo 1996. Laclede expressed concern that absent such a finding, its underwriters and others involved in the issuance and sale of these securities may have reservations regarding whether the authorizations granted by the Commission fully comply with the statutory prerequisites for approving such transactions. Laclede asked the Commission to clarify its order by making the requisite finding.

On August 16, the Commission issued a Notice Shortening Time in Which to Respond that directed any interested parties wishing to file a response to Laclede's Request for Clarification do so on or before August 23. On August 22, the Staff of the Commission (Staff) filed a Recommendation in which it stated that the finding requested by Laclede is appropriate. Staff recommends that the Commission grant Laclede's Request for Clarification.

After considering Laclede's Request for Clarification and Staff's Recommendation, the Commission concludes that the Request for Clarification should be granted.

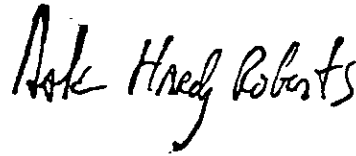
IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the Request for Clarification filed by Laclede Gas Company is granted.
2. That the following language is added to the Commission's Order Granting Application issued on August 10, 2000:

Any proceeds from the issuance and sale of the securities or the issuance and sale of additional common shares pursuant to the Rights Agreement shall be used only for the purposes specified in, and authorized by, Section 393.200 RSMo 1994. The Commission is further of the opinion that the money to be procured by the issuance and sale of such securities is reasonably required for such purposes and that such purposes are not, in whole or part, reasonably chargeable to operating expenses or income.

3. That this order shall become effective on August 29, 2000.

BY THE COMMISSION

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Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

(S E A L)

Lumpe, Ch., Drainer, Murray, Schemenauer,
and Simmons, CC., concur

Woodruff, Regulatory Law Judge

ALJ/Sec'y: Woodruff/Boye

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Lumpe, Chair

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Drainer, Vice Chair

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Murray, Commissioner

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Schemenauer, Commissioner

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Simmons, Commissioner

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Agenda Date

Action taken: 5-OAS
Must Vote Not Later Than _____

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 29th day of August 2000.



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