

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
JEFFERSON CITY
January 3, 2001**

CASE NO: GO-2000-394

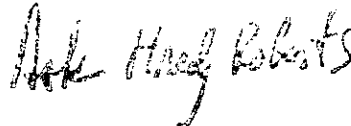
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Enclosed find certified copy of an ORDER in the above-numbered case(s).

Sincerely,



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

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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

ORDER GRANTING EXTENSION OF TIME

On December 22, 1999, the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff) filed a Recommendation in which it, among other things, recommended that the Commission terminate the third year of the Experimental Price Stabilization Program approved by the Commission in Case No. GO-98-484.

On December 29, 2000, Laclede Gas Company (Laclede) filed a Motion for Extension of Time, requesting an extension of time until January 5, 2001, to respond to the Staff Recommendation. Laclede notes that because the normal ten-day response time provided by Rule 4 CSR 240-2.080(16) contains two weekends and two holidays, Laclede will have had only four full business days in which to review the Staff Recommendation and prepare its response. Laclede indicates it needs until January 5, 2001, in order to prepare a thorough response. Laclede states that the extension will not prejudice any party, and that it has contacted counsel for both the Staff and for the Office of the Public Counsel and that they have no objection to the extension.

The Commission has reviewed Laclede's motion and finds that the request for an extension until January 5, 2001, should be granted. The request is reasonable and will not prejudice any party to this proceeding.

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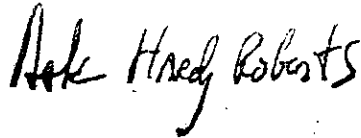
IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the Motion for Extension of Time, filed by Laclede Gas Company on December 29, 2000, is granted and the deadline for Laclede Gas Company to file its response to the Staff Recommendation is now January 5, 2001.

2. That this order shall become effective on January 3, 2001.

BY THE COMMISSION

(S E A L)



Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

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 3rd day of January, 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 3rd day of Jan. 2001.



Dale Hardy Roberts

Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge