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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) Case No. GF-2000-843
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)

ORDER DIRECTING STAFF TO RESPOND TO REQUEST
FOR EXPEDITED CONSIDERATION

On June 23, 2000, Laclede Gas Company (Laclede) filed a verified application requesting that the Commission grant it the authority to issue and sell various debt and equity instruments. Laclede requests that the Commission approve the application no later than August 23, 2000.

If Laclede's Application is to be considered by the Commission prior to August 23, the Commission will need to have a recommendation from its Staff by August 10. Before deciding whether or not to grant Laclede's request for expedited consideration, the Commission would like to have input from its Staff regarding Staff's ability to provide a recommendation in the time requested.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the Staff of the Public Service Commission shall file, by July 6, 2000, a statement indicating whether or not it will be able to file a Staff recommendation regarding Laclede Gas Company's application by August 10, 2000.
2. That this order shall become effective on July 6, 2000.

BY THE COMMISSION



Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

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Morris L. Woodruff, 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 26th day of June, 2000.