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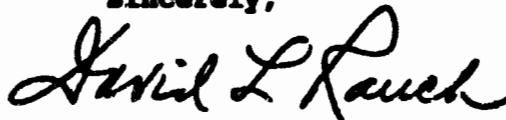
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CASE NO: GR-94-220

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

Sincerely,



**David L. Rauch
Executive Secretary**

Uncertified Copy:

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STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

At a session of the Public Service
Commission held at its office
in Jefferson City on the 15th
day of April, 1994.

In the matter of Laclede Gas Company's tariff)
sheets designed to increase rates for gas service)
provided to customers in the Missouri service area) Case No. GR-94-220
of the company.)

ORDER ADOPTING TEST YEAR

On January 14, 1994, Laclede Gas Company (LGC) filed tariffs with the Commission reflecting increased rates for gas service to customers in its Missouri service area. The Commission issued its order suspending the tariffs on January 28, 1994, and, in addition, ordered all parties to state their positions in regard to the appropriate test year to be adopted in this case. On March 14, 1994, LGC filed its direct testimony in which it recommended calendar year 1993, ending December 31, 1993, with "adjustments" for known and measurable changes through April 30, 1994, and for certain isolated changes effective prior to the December 14, 1994 operation of law date, be adopted.

On March 28, 1994, the Staff of the Commission filed its test year recommendation. In that recommendation, the Staff also sought calendar year 1993, ending December 31, 1993, as the test year, with "adjustments" for known and measurable changes through April 30, 1994. The Staff does not, however, concur with LGC in recommending isolated changes through the December 14, 1994 operation of law date.

Upon review, the Commission finds that the recommended test year of calendar year 1993, ending December 31, 1993, with the additional period through April 30, 1994 for the inclusion of updated items, is reasonable and appropriate and will be adopted as the test year in this case. The Commission is of the

opinion that the above stated updated test year will result in rates based on the most current, accurate data available.

The Commission would restate that, for purposes of clarity, the test year period will be called the updated test year, or test year as updated. In addition, the Commission will consider, in the case-in-chief and as a question of fact, whether other isolated changes are known and measurable, capable of being accurately ascertained, and do not violate the relationship between revenue, rate base, and expense.

Laclede did not request a true-up hearing in its prefiled direct testimony. There is currently no request and, therefore, no issue involving a true-up before the Commission. If a request for true-up is made by Staff or other party, then the Commission will consider the issue at that time.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the test year to be used in this case will be the calendar year 1993, ending December 31, 1993, as updated through April 30, 1994, with isolated changes thereafter as determined by the Commission.
2. That this order shall become effective on the date hereof.

BY THE COMMISSION



David L. Rauch
Executive Secretary

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Mueller, Chm., McClure, Perkins,
Kincheloe and Crumpton, CC., Concur.

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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 15th day of April, 1994.

David L. Rauch
David L. Rauch
Executive Secretary