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January 29, 2001

Mr. Dale Hardy Roberts Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge Missouri Public Service Commission P. O. Box 360 Jefferson City, MO 65102

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Missouri Public Service Commission

RE: Laclede Gas Company, Case No. GO-2000-394

Dear Mr. Roberts:

Enclosed for filing in the above referenced case, please find the original and 8 copies of Public Counsel's Reply in Support of Staff's Response to Laclede's Reply Regarding Staff's Recommendation to Terminate the Third Year of the Experimental Price Stabilization Program. Please "file stamp" the extra enclosed copy and return it to this office. I have on this date mailed, faxed, or hand-delivered the appropriate number of copies to all counsel of record.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Douglas E. Micheel Senior Public Counsel

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cc: Counsel of Record

Enclosure

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PUBLIC COUNSEL'S REPLY IN SUPPORT OF STAFF'S RESPONSE TO LACLEDE'S REPLY REGARDING STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION TO TERMINATE THE THIRD YEAR OF THE EXPERIMENTAL PRICE STABILIZATION PROGRAM

COMES NOW the Office of the Public Counsel ("Public Counsel") and states that it supports Staff's recommendation to terminate the third year of Laclede's Experimental Price Stabilization Program.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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