STATE OF MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION JEFFERSON CITY September 29, 2000

CASE NO: GS-2000-525, GC-2001-19

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

Sincerely,

Dale Hardy Roberts

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Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of Laclede Ga	as Company)		
Regarding an Incident at 1:	904 Birchwood)	Case No.	GS-2000-525
Drive, Barnhart, Missouri,	on)		
February 7, 2000)		
The Staff of the Missouri	Public)		
Service Commission,)		
Ċ	omplainant,)		
v.)	Case No.	GC-2001-19
Laclede Gas Company,)		
•)		
Re	espondent.)		
			(Consoli	dated)

ORDER DENYING MOTION TO DISMISS

The Missouri Public Service Commission finds that a full and fair adjudication of all the issues is necessary on both of these cases. Thus, the motion to dismiss filed by Laclede Gas Company on August 16, 2000, in case number GC-2001-19 will be denied.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the motion to dismiss filed by Laclede Gas Company on August 16, 2000, in case number GC-2001-19 is denied.

2. That this order shall become effective on October 9, 2000.

BY THE COMMISSION

Hale Hardy Roberts

Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

(SEAL)

Bill Hopkins, Senior Regulatory Law Judge, by delegation of authority pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 1994.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri, on this 29th day of September, 2000.

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 <u>29th</u> day of Sept. 2000.

Dale Hardy Roberts

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Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge