STATE OF MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION JEFFERSON CITY March 29, 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

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Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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

Experimental Price Stabilization Fund.

ORDER DIRECTING FILING

On March 21, 2001, Laclede Gas Company (Laclede) filed its proposed tariff, P.S.C. Mo. No. 5 Consolidated, First Revised Sheet No. 28-g. Laclede indicated that the purpose of the revised tariff sheet is to reduce the Required Price Protection percentages in Laclede's Price Stabilization Program for the 2001-2002 winter from 70 percent to 40 percent. Although the proposed tariff has an effective date of April 20, 2001, Laclede requested expedited approval by April 1, 2001, or as soon thereafter as reasonably practicable.

On March 28, 2001, the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff) filed its recommendation to suspend the proposed tariff.

In order for the Commission to expeditiously consider this matter, the Commission will direct Laclede to file its response to Staff's Recommendation to Suspend as soon as possible.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That Laclede Gas Company is directed file its response to Staff's Recommendation to Suspend, filed March 28, 2001, by the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission, as soon as possible.

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

BY THE COMMISSION

Dale Hardy Roberts

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Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

(SEAL)

Vicky Ruth, Regulatory Law Judge, by delegation of authority pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri, on this 29th day of March, 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 29th day of March 2001.

Dale Hardy Roberts

- Hred Roberts

Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge