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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 Extending the     )  
Authorization Period for the Issuance and     )  
Sale of up to and Including \$100,000,000     ) Case No. GF-99-332  
Principal Amount of First Mortgage Bonds, of     )  
Which \$25,000,000 in Principal Amount have     )  
not yet been Issued.     )

**ORDER DIRECTING STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

On February 8, 1999, Laclede Gas Company (Laclede) filed its application for a third extension of authority to issue and sell, by April 21, 2001, its First Mortgage Bonds in the principal amount of \$100,000,000, of which \$25,000,000 in principal amount are as yet unissued and unsold. Laclede seeks approval from this Commission, effective no later than April 11, 1999. Therefore, the Staff of the Public Service Commission must file its recommendation to approve or deny Laclede's request on or before March 26, 1999.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

1. That the Staff of the Public Service Commission shall file its recommendation to approve or deny the application of Laclede Gas Company for a third extension of the authorization period within which to issue and sell its First Mortgage Bonds in the principal amount of \$100,000,000, on or before March 29, 1999.

2. That this order shall become effective on March 30, 1999.

BY THE COMMISSION



Dale Hardy Roberts  
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

( S E A L )

Kevin A. Thompson, Deputy Chief  
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 18th day of March, 1999.

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