

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
JEFFERSON CITY
February 20, 2002**

CASE NO: GR-2001-387, GR-2000-622

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dale Hardy Roberts". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of Laclede Gas Company's Purchased)
Gas Adjustment Tariff Revisions to be Reviewed) **Case No. GR-2001-387**
in Its 2000-2001 Actual Cost Adjustment)

In the Matter of Laclede Gas Company's Purchased)
Gas Adjustment Factors to be Reviewed in Its) **Case No. GR-2000-622**
1999-2000 Actual Cost Adjustment)

ORDER GRANTING MOTION TO CONSOLIDATE

On February 15, 2002, the Staff of the Public Service Commission and Laclede Gas Company filed a pleading in Case Nos. GR-2001-387 and GR-2000-622, entitled Joint Status Report and Motion to Consolidate. Those two cases were established to review Laclede Gas Company's Actual Cost Adjustment for 2000-2001 and 1999-2000. The joint report and motion indicates that Staff is currently auditing Laclede's 1999-2000 Actual Cost Adjustment (ACA) period in conjunction with its audit of Laclede's 2000-2001 ACA period. The parties indicate that any issues that may arise in GR-2000-622 should be addressed at the hearing in GR-2001-387. For that reason, Staff and Laclede recommend that the two cases be consolidated for all purposes and that the procedural schedule established for GR-2001-387 be used for the consolidated case. The Joint Motion states that the Office of the Public Counsel does not oppose the request to consolidate.

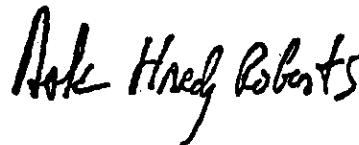
4 CSR 240-2.110(3) provides that the Commission may consolidate cases when related questions of law or fact are involved. The Commission concludes that common

questions of law and fact will be presented in these two cases. The Commission further concludes that consolidation will result in the most efficient use of the Commission's resources and that no party will be prejudiced by such consolidation.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That Case Number GR-2000-622 is consolidated with and into Case Number GR-2001-387.
2. That Case Number GR-2001-387 is designated as the lead case and that hereafter all pleadings, briefs, and correspondence regarding the consolidated cases shall be filed in the lead case.
3. That this order shall become effective on March 2, 2002.

BY THE COMMISSION



**Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge**

(S E A L)

Morris L. Woodruff, Senior Regulatory Law Judge, by delegation of authority pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.


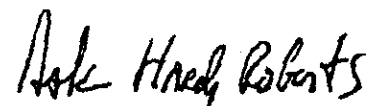
Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 20th day of February, 2002.

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 20th day of Feb. 2002 .

Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge