# STATE OF MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION JEFFERSON CITY January 5, 2001

CASE NO: GM-2001-342

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Enclosed find certified copy of a NOTICE in the above-numbered case(s).

Sincerely,

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**Dale Hardy Roberts** 

Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

**Uncertified Copies: To county Commissions** 

### BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

### OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application of Laclede

Gas Company for an Order Authorizing Its Plan

to Restructure Itself into a Holding Company,

Regulated Utility Company, and Unregulated

Subsidiaries.

Case No. GM-2001-342

## ORDER DIRECTING NOTICE AND SETTING INTERVENTION PERIOD

On December 12, 2000, Laclede Gas Company (Laclede) filed an application for an order authorizing its plan to restructure, merge and form subsidiary companies pursuant to Sections 393.190, 393.200, 393.210 and 393.250, RSMo, and 4 CSR 240-2.060(1), (8), (11) and (12). Laclede states that following its proposed restructuring, The Laclede Group, Inc., would become the parent holding company and Laclede Gas Company will become an independent subsidiary. Laclede states that the profile of its regulated distribution business will remain essentially the same. Laclede states that the proposed restructuring will provide separation between its regulated and unregulated assets and operations. Laclede states that the proposed restructuring does not involve the transfer of utility-owned assets or any significant transfer of utility employees.

The Commission has considered the application for authorization to restructure, merger, and form subsidiaries and determines that proper parties should be given an opportunity to intervene as directed below. The Commission determines that notice of

this application should be given by the Commission's Records Department sending a copy of this order to the county commissions (and the City of St. Louis) in Laclede's service area. The Commission further determines that the Information Officer of the Commission should provide notice to the members of the General Assembly representing Laclede's service areas and to the newspapers which serve Laclede's service areas as listed in the newspaper directory of the current Official Manual of the State of Missouri.

#### IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

- 1. That the Records Department shall send a copy of this order to the County Commissions of St. Louis, St. Charles, Crawford, Jefferson, Franklin, Iron, Ste. Genevieve, St. Francois, Madison, and Butler Counties in Missouri, and to the City Council of the City of St. Louis, Missouri.
- 2. That the Information Officer of the Missouri Public Service Commission shall send notice to the members of the General Assembly representing Laclede's service areas and to the newspapers which serve Laclede Gas Company's service areas as listed in the newspaper directory of the current Official Manual of the State of Missouri.
- 3. That any interested person wishing to intervene in this case shall file an application to intervene on or before January 25, 2001, with:

Dale Hardy Roberts, Secretary Missouri Public Service Commission Post Office Box 360 Jefferson City, Missouri 65102 and serve a copy on:

Michael C. Pendergast Assistant General Counsel Laclede Gas Company 720 Olive Street, Room 1520 St. Louis, Missouri 63101

Dana K. Joyce General Counsel Missouri Public Service Commission Post Office Box 360 Jefferson City, Missouri 65102

and

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4. That this order shall become effective on January 15, 2001.

BY THE COMMISSION

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Dale Hardy Roberts

Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

(SEAL)

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

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri, on this 5th day of January, 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 5th day of Jan. 2001.

Dale Hardy Roberts

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Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge