

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

CASE NO: GM-2001-342

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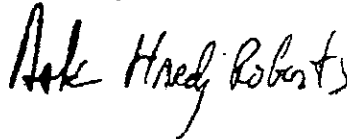
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Enclosed find certified copy of a NOTICE in the above-numbered case(s).

Sincerely,



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

**Uncertified Copies:
To county Commissions**

OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

Case No. GM-2001-342

ORDER DIRECTING NOTICE

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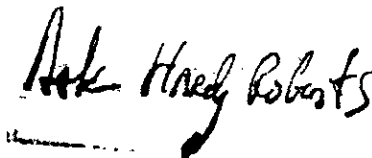
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4. That this order shall become effective on January 15,
2001.

BY THE COMMISSION



Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

(S E A L)

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

Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge