STATE OF MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

At a Session of the Public Service Commission held at its office in Jefferson City on the 5th day of October, 1993.

In the matter of the application of Laclede) Gas Company, a Missouri corporation, for an) order and certificate of convenience and necessity authorizing it to engage in the distribution, transmission and transportation) Case No. GA-93-334 of natural gas, and to construct, install,) acquire, own, operate, control, manage and) maintain a natural gas distribution system) in the Town of Weldon Spring Heights in) St. Charles County, Missouri.

ORDER GRANTING WITHDRAWAL OF APPLICATION

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On June 2, 1993, Laclede Gas Company (LGC) filed an application with the Commission requesting a certificate of convenience and necessity to provide service to the Community of Weldon Spring Heights, located in St. Charles County, Missouri. On August 17, 1993, the Staff of the Commission filed its recommendation, suggesting disapproval of the application for reason that it was the Staff's opinion that the contribution in aid of construction assessed against the residents of Weldon Spring Heights was grossly inadequate.

On September 22, 1993, LGC filed a request with the Commission to withdraw this application. LGC states that it will be unable to resolve this matter prior to the 1993-94 heating season and, therefore, in fairness to the residents of Weldon Spring Heights, wishes to withdraw this application.

The Commission finds that good reason has been submitted by LGC as to why this application should be withdrawn and, therefore, it will be so ordered.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the application filed by Laclede Gas Company in this case is withdrawn and the docket closed.

2. That this order shall become effective October 15, 1993.

BY THE COMMISSION

David L. Rauch

Executive Secretary

(SEAL)

McClure, Perkins, and Kincheloe, CC., Concur. Mueller, Chm., and Crumpton, C., Absent.