

**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 in Its 2000-	)	Case No. GR-2001-387
2001 Actual Cost Adjustment.	)	

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

**REQUEST FOR EXTENSION IN DATE  
FOR FILING RESPONSE**

COMES NOW Laclede Gas Company ("Laclede" or "Company") and, pursuant to 4 CSR 240-2.050 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, requests that the date for filing Laclede's Response to Staff's Revised Recommendation in the above-captioned proceedings be extended from May 10, 2002 to May 31, 2002. In support thereof, Laclede states as follows:

1. On March 15, 2002, the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Staff") filed its Recommendation in the above-captioned proceeding concerning the Company's 1999-2000 Actual Cost Adjustment filing.

2. After the Staff filed its Recommendation on March 15, 2002, Laclede and the Staff held discussions regarding several of the matters addressed therein in an effort to clarify and possibly resolve such matters. Laclede also provided Staff with additional information for Staff's consideration. Because of the ongoing efforts to resolve

outstanding issues, the parties agreed to extend to May 10, 2002, the filing date for Laclede's response to Staff's Recommendation. The Commission approved this extension in an Order dated April 29, 2002.

3. The parties' discussions proved fruitful, and on May 9, 2002, Staff filed a Revised Recommendation concerning Laclede's 1999-2000 Actual Cost Adjustment Filing.

4. Laclede requests that it be granted additional time to respond to Staff's Revised Recommendation. Laclede believes that a three week extension would be appropriate and useful in that it would provide sufficient time for Laclede to respond to Staff's Revised Recommendation.

5. The extension requested herein will in no way delay or affect the remaining procedural dates previously established by the Commission or otherwise delay the progress and conclusion of these proceedings as currently scheduled.

6. Laclede has discussed this request with counsel for the Staff and the Office of the Public Counsel and has been authorized to state that neither party has any objection to the extension requested herein.

**WHEREFORE**, for the foregoing reasons, Laclede Gas Company respectfully requests that the Commission extend the date for filing Laclede's Response to Staff's Recommendation to May 31, 2002.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael C. Pendergast", written over a horizontal line.

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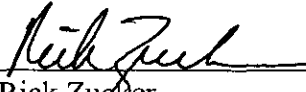
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**Certificate of Service**

The undersigned certifies that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Request for Extension of Laclede Gas Company was served on the General Counsel of the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission and the Office of the Public Counsel on this 10th day of May, 2002 by hand-delivery or by placing a copy of such Application, postage prepaid, in the United States mail.

  
Rick Zucker