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**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

In the Matter of Laclede Gas Company's Request) Case No. GO-98-461
for Confidential Treatment of 1997 Annual Report.)

ORDER DIRECTING STAFF RESPONSE

On April 15, 1998, Laclede Gas Company requested that it be allowed to file its 1997 annual report as a confidential document. The Commission determines that a response from the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission would aid it in making its decision.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That on or before March 22, 1999, the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission shall file a response to Laclede Gas Company's request to file its 1997 annual report as a confidential document.

2. That this order shall become effective on March 11, 1999.

BY THE COMMISSION

(S E A L)



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

Nancy Dippell, Deputy Chief Regulatory
Law Judge, by delegation of authority
pursuant to 4 CSR 240-2.120(1)
(November 30, 1995) and Section 386.240,
RSMo 1994.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 1st day of March, 1999.