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RE: Case No. GF-2000-843

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Dear Mr. Roberts:

Enclosed for filing in the above-captioned case are an original and eight (8) conformed copies of a **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**.

This filing has been mailed or hand-delivered this date to all counsel of record.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely yours,

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

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**Missouri Public
Service Commission**

In the Matter of the Application of)
LACLEDE GAS COMPANY for an)
Order Authorizing LACLEDE GAS)
COMPANY to Issue and Sell First)
Mortgage Bonds, Unsecured Debt and)
Authorized but Unissued Common Stock)
of the Company in a Total Amount not to)
Exceed \$350,000,000 Together with)
Certain Rights to Accompany the)
Common Stock and Any Additional)
Shares of Common Stock as May be)
Required by the Exercise of Such Rights;)
All Pursuant to a Universal Shelf)
Registration Statement)

Case No. GF-2000-843

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

COMES NOW the Staff of the Public Service Commission of the State of Missouri ("Staff") and respectfully states as follows:

1. On June 23, 2000, Laclede Gas Company ("Laclede") filed a Verified Application to issue First Mortgage Bonds, Unsecured Debt and Common Stock in an amount not to exceed \$350,000,000 with the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission").
2. On July 31, 2000, Staff filed a Recommendation and Memorandum regarding Laclede's Application. Staff recommended approval of Laclede's Application with two conditions.
3. On August 9, 2000, Laclede filed a Response to Staff Recommendation in which it stated that it had no objection to the two conditions recommended by Staff.
4. On August 10, 2000, the Commission entered its Order Granting Application.

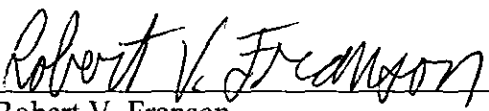
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5. On August 15, 2000, Laclede filed a Request for Clarification in which it sought to have the Commission clarify its Order by adding language consistent with Section 393.200.1. The Staff has reviewed this language and agrees that it is appropriate language. Accordingly, Staff has no objection to Laclede's Request for Clarification.

WHEREFORE, Staff respectfully recommends that the Commission approve Laclede's Request for Clarification.

Respectfully submitted,

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Certificate of Service

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed or hand-delivered to all counsel of record as shown on the attached service list this 22nd day of August, 2000.

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