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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 GRANTING EXTENSION OF TIME

Laclede Gas Company (Laclede) has requested that information contained in its 1997 annual report be treated as confidential by the Commission. On March 1, 1999, the Commission issued an order directing the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff) to file a recommendation regarding this request. Also on March 1 Staff filed a Memorandum recommending that Laclede's request be granted. On March 22 Staff filed a response and a motion indicating that it intends to amend its March 1 recommendation. Staff requests an additional 30 days time to resolve some of its concerns and engage in further discussions with Laclede. There were no objections to Staff's motion.

The Commission has reviewed Staff's motion and determines that Staff's request is reasonable. Therefore, Staff will be allowed additional time in which to file a recommendation.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That Staff is given until May 19, 1999, in which to file its recommendation concerning whether the Commission should treat portions of Laclede Gas Company's 1997 annual report as confidential.

2. That this order shall become effective on April 29, 1999.

BY THE COMMISSION

Dale Hardy Roberts

Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

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Nancy Dippell, Senior 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 19th day of April, 1999.

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