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Mr. Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge
Missouri Public Service Commission
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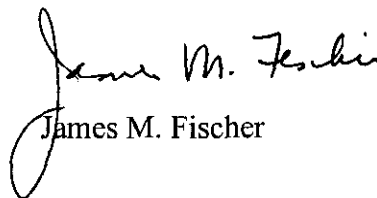
RE: *Laclede Gas Company's Purchased Gas Adjustment Tariff Revisions*
Case Nos. GR-2001-387 and GR-2000-622.

Dear Mr. Roberts:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced matter is an original and eight (8) copies of Laclede Gas Company's Request For Extension In Date For Filing Response.

Copies of the foregoing have been hand-delivered or mailed this date to the Office of the Public Counsel and Dana K. Joyce, General Counsel. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,


James M. Fischer

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Enclosures

cc: Office of the Public Counsel
Dana K. Joyce, General Counsel

**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 Recommendation in the above-captioned proceedings be extended from April 26, 2002 to May 10, 2002. In support thereof, Laclede state 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 1999-2000 Actual Cost Adjustment period.

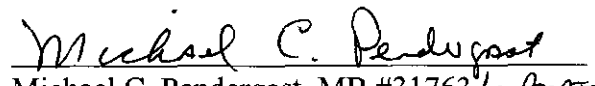
2. Since the Staff filed its recommendation on March 15, 2002, Laclede and the Staff have held discussions regarding several of the matters addressed therein in an effort to clarify and possibly resolve such matters. Based on those discussion, Laclede

believes that a two week extension in the filing date for its Response to Staff's recommendation would be appropriate and useful in that it would provide sufficient time to complete such discussions and determine what, if any, issues remain. Laclede would note that such an extension will in no way delay or require an extension in the remaining procedural dates previously established by the Commission or otherwise delay the progress and conclusion of these proceedings as currently scheduled.

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

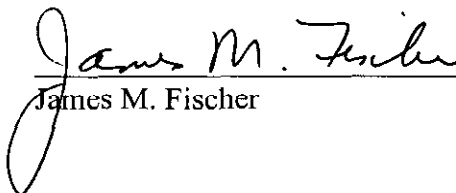
WHEREFORE, for the foregoing reasons, Laclede Gas Company respectfully request that the Commission extend the date for filing Laclede's Response to Staff's Recommendation to May 10, 2002.

Respectfully submitted,


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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 26th day of April, 2002 by hand-delivery or by placing a copy of such Application, postage prepaid, in the United States mail.


James M. Fischer