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Mr. Dale Hardy Roberts Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge Missouri Public Service Commission P. O. Box 360 Jefferson City, MO 65102

RE: Case No. GF-2000-843

Dear Mr. Roberts:

Enclosed for filing in the above-captioned case are an original and eight (8) conformed copies of STAFF'S MOTION TO LATE-FILE RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR EXPEDITED CONSIDERATION.

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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Enclosure

cc: Counsel of Record

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

**FILED**<sup>3</sup> JUL 1 0 2000 In the Matter of the Application of LACLEDE GAS COMPANY for an Missouri Public Service Commission 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 Case No. GF-2000-843 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

## STAFF'S MOTION TO LATE-FILE RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR EXPEDITED CONSIDERATION

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 June 26, 2000, the Commission issued an Order directing Staff to file a Response to a Motion to Expedite about whether it could file its Response by August 10, 2000.
- 3. The Staff was unable to file the Response due to press of other business and seeks leave to file its Response to the Motion to Expedite out of time pursuant to 4 CSR-240.20.5(3)(B).

4. Counsel for Laclede Gas Company has no objection to this Motion to Late File Response to Motion for Expedited Treatment.

WHEREFORE, Staff respectfully submits this Motion to Late File Response to Motion to Expedite Out of Time.

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 10<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2000.

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