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TO: Missouri Public Service Commission Official Case File,
Case No. GR-2000-622, File No. 200000907, Laclede Gas Company

FROM: Henry Warren, Gas Department - Tariffs/Rate Design *HW*

for
for *4/12/00* *Thomas R. Schwan Jr. 4/12/00*
Utility Operations Division/Date General Counsel's Office/Date

SUBJECT: Staff Recommendation for Laclede Gas Company's Scheduled Summer
Season PGA Filing.

DATE: April 11, 2000

On April 4, 2000, Laclede Gas Company (Laclede or Company) of St. Louis, Missouri filed a tariff sheet proposed to become effective April 18, 2000. The tariff sheet was filed to reflect scheduled changes in Laclede's Purchased Gas Adjustment (PGA) factors as the result of changes in the cost of natural gas for the upcoming summer season. The summer season includes the months of April through October. Additionally, the L. P. Service factor will increase.

The net effect of these changes will decrease the firm PGA factor for the summer season to \$0.35892 per therm from a winter season firm PGA factor of \$0.35909 per therm.

Case No. GR-2000-622, under which this change was filed, was established to track the Company's PGA factors to be reviewed in its 1999-2000 Actual Cost Adjustment (ACA) filing. Final Commission decisions in Laclede's ACA Case Nos. GR-97-222, GR-98-297, and GR-99-316 for the 1996-1997, 1997-1998, and 1998-1999 ACA periods respectively, are still pending. Interim subject to refund status should be maintained pending final Commission decisions in Case Nos. GR-97-222, GR-98-297, GR-99-316, and GR-2000-622.

The Commission's Gas Department - Tariffs/Rate Design Staff (Staff) has reviewed this filing and has determined that it was calculated in conformance with Laclede's PGA Clause. Staff is of the opinion that good cause for approval of this tariff sheet on less than thirty days notice is demonstrated by Laclede's Commission-approved PGA clause allowing for ten (10) business days notice for PGA change filings. Therefore, Staff recommends that the following tariff sheet be approved, interim subject to refund:

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