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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 FILED²

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RE: Laclede Gas Company, Case No. GO-2000-394

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Dear Mr. Roberts:

Enclosed for filing in the above referenced case, please find the original and 8 copies of **Direct Testimony of James A. Busch (HC and NP).** Please "file stamp" the extra-enclosed copy and return it to this office. I have on this date mailed, faxed, or hand-delivered the appropriate number of copies to all counsel of record.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Douglas E. Micheel Senior Public Counsel

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cc: Counsel of record

Enclosure

Service List Case No. GO-2000-394 July 10, 20001

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