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Mr. Dale Hardy Roberts  
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge  
Missouri Public Service Commission  
Harry S Truman Building  
301 W. High Street  
Jefferson City, MO 65101

Missouri Public  
Service Commission

RE: Case No. GF-2000-843

Dear Mr. Roberts:

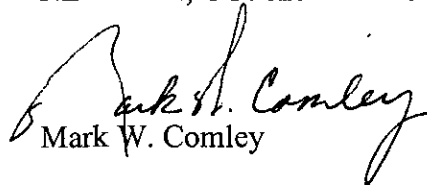
Pursuant to the Commission's June 26, 2000 Notice of Deficiency and Order Directing Compliance in the above-referenced case, I have enclosed for filing in that case, the original and eight copies of Laclede Gas Company's: (a) Motion for Expedited Treatment; and (b) Certificate of Service reflecting that the application filed by Laclede in this case has been served on and received by the General Counsel of the Commission and the Office of the Public Counsel.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

NEWMAN, COMLEY & RUTH P.C.

By:

  
Mark W. Comley

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Enclosure

cc: Office of Public Counsel  
Marc Poston

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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In the matter of the Application of LACLEDE GAS )  
COMPANY for an 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 exceed ) Case No. GF-2000-843  
\$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. )

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Michael C. Pendergast, Assistant Vice President and Associate General Counsel for Laclede Gas Company, hereby certifies that the Verified Application of Laclede Gas Company filed in the above-captioned case on June 23, 2000 was duly served upon the General Counsel of the Missouri Public Service Commission and the Office of the Public Counsel, by placing a copy thereof in the United States mail, postage prepaid or by overnight delivery and that such parties have received such Verified Application as of this 3<sup>rd</sup> of July, 2000.

  
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