

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

In the Matter of the Tariff Filing of	)	
Laclede Gas Company to Implement	)	
An Experimental Low Income Assistance	)	Case No.GT-2003-_____
Program called Catch-Up/Keep-Up	)	

**AFFIDAVIT OF MICHAEL T. CLINE**

Michael T. Cline, of lawful age, being first duly sworn on his oath, states that:

1. My name is Michael T. Cline. My business address is 720 Olive Street, St. Louis, Missouri 63101; and I am currently employed by Laclede Gas Company ("Laclede" or "Company") as Director-Tariff & Rate Administration.

2. As part of my duties as Director-Tariff & Rate Administration, I am responsible for preparing, filing and administering the Company's tariffs that are on file with the Missouri Public Service Commission, including tariffs that are similar in nature to those filed by the Company on September 23, 2002 to implement the Company's proposed Catch-Up/Keep-Up Program ("Program"). In addition, I perform analyses pertaining to Laclede's purchased gas costs and various federal and state regulatory matters that affect Laclede.

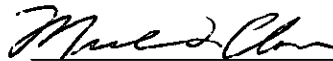
3. In my position at Laclede, I am familiar with other Laclede tariffs that the Commission has approved in the past that contain features similar to those that Laclede incorporated in the Program tariff sheets. Specifically, the funding for this Program originates from a share of the savings achieved by the Company in negotiating discounts from the maximum rates charged by its pipeline suppliers. Retention of a share of such

savings was also an integral feature of the transportation discount component of the Gas Supply Incentive Program under which the Company operated in the past. Also, the low-income grant aspects of the Program are comparable to those reflected in the Company's existing Weatherization Program.

4. The statements made in the accompanying motion to the effect that the Commission has previously approved tariffs that have features similar to those in the Program tariff sheets are therefore true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

I hereby swear and affirm that my statements contained in this affidavit are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.


FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.



Michael T. Cline

STATE OF MISSOURI     )  
                                      ) SS.  
CITY OF ST. LOUIS     )

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20<sup>th</sup> day of September 2002.



Notary Public

My Commission Expires:

June 11, 2004

**ADELE M. FOLLMER**  
**Notary Public — Notary Seal**  
**STATE OF MISSOURI**  
**Jefferson County**  
**My Commission Expires: June 11, 2004**