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The Honorable Dale Hardy Roberts
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Missouri Public Service Commission
P.O. Box 360
Jefferson City, MO 65102-0360

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Re: Case No. GM-2001-585

**Missouri Public
Service Commission**

Dear Judge Roberts:

Please find enclosed for filing in the above-referenced matter the original and eight copies of the Response of Laclede Gas Company to Staff's Motion to Extend Procedural Schedule.

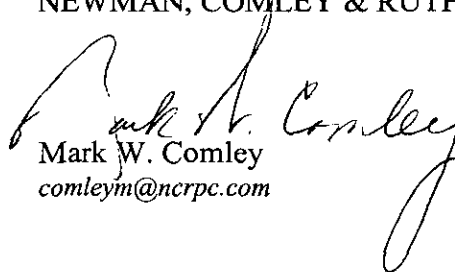
Would you please see that this filing is brought to the attention of the appropriate Commission personnel.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
THE STATE OF MISSOURI

JUL 26 2001

Missouri Public
Service Commission

In the Matter of the Joint Application of Gateway)
Pipeline Company, Inc., Missouri Gas Company)
and Missouri Pipeline Company an the Acquisition)
by Gateway Pipeline Company of the Outstanding)
Shares of UtiliCorp Pipeline Systems, Inc.)

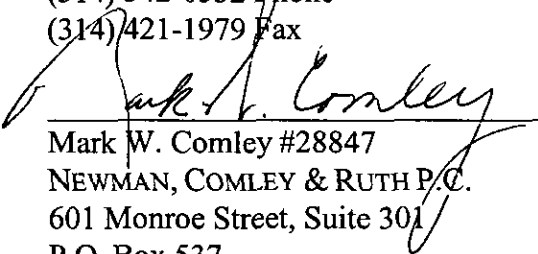
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**RESPONSE OF LACLEDE GAS COMPANY TO
STAFF'S MOTION TO EXTEND PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE**

Comes now Laclede Gas Company, (Laclede), by and through counsel, and pursuant to the Commission's order dated July 24, 2001 in the captioned matter states that it has no objection to the Staff's request, which Public Counsel has since joined, to extend the procedural schedule in this matter by 45 days, provided that if the extension is granted, the procedural schedule, including the date for filing rebuttal testimony, shall be extended for all parties.

Respectfully Submitted,

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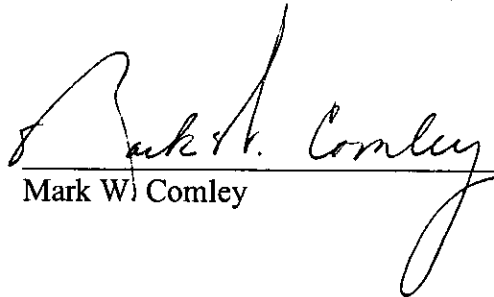
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