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Mr. Dale H. Roberts Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge Missouri Public Service Commission 200 Madison Street, Suite 100 Jefferson City, Missouri 65101

> Re: Missouri Gas Energy Case No. GR-2001-292

Dear Mr. Roberts:

Enclosed are the original and eight (8) conformed copies of **Prepared Direct Testimony of Charles D. Laderoute**, which please file in the above matter and call to the attention of the Commission. The requisite number of copies of this material have been sent to the parties.

An additional copy of the material to be filed is enclosed, which kindly mark as received and return to me in the enclosed envelope as proof of filing.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter. If you have any questions, please call.

Sincerely yours,

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cc: All Parties

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