

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
JEFFERSON CITY**

May 24, 2001

CASE NO: GT-2001-329

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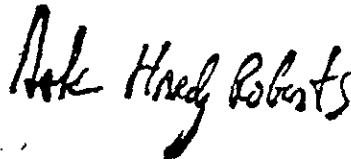
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Enclosed find certified copy of an ORDER in the above-numbered case(s).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dale Hardy Roberts". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

**Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge**

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

In the matter of Laclede Gas Company's Tariff Filing to	)	
Implement an Experimental Fixed Price Plan and Other	)	<u>Case No. GT-2001-329</u>
Modifications to Its Gas Supply Incentive Plan.	)	<u>Tariff No. 200100572</u>

ORDER AMENDING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

On January 29, 2001, the parties filed a proposed procedural schedule, which provided for surrebuttal testimony to be filed by only Laclede Gas Company (Laclede). The Commission issued an order granting the proposed procedural schedule, with minor modifications, on February 15, 2001. Subsequently, the deadline for Laclede to file surrebuttal testimony was extended from May 17, 2001, to May 24, 2001.

On May 14, 2001, the Office of the Public Counsel (Public Counsel) filed a Request for Leave to File Surrebuttal Testimony and Motion for Expedited Treatment. Public Counsel noted that the Commission's February 15, 2001, Order Adopting Procedural Schedule and Further Suspending Tariff only allowed surrebuttal testimony to be filed by Laclede. Public Counsel indicates that it wishes to respond to Staff's rebuttal testimony, filed May 4, 2001, and raise any concerns it may have regarding Staff's proposed new incentive proposal. Public Counsel notes that 4 CSR 240-2.130(7)(D) provides that surrebuttal testimony shall be limited to material that is responsive to matters raised in another party's rebuttal testimony. According to Public Counsel, Staff does not object to Public Counsel filing such surrebuttal testimony.

On May 18, 2001, Laclede filed its Response, indicating that it does not object to Public Counsel's motion. Laclede suggests that the Commission issue an order extending the date for filing of surrebuttal testimony to noon on May 30, 2001.

The Commission finds that Public Counsel's request for leave to file surrebuttal testimony should be granted. In addition, the Commission will extend the deadline for filing of surrebuttal testimony as suggested by Laclede. As a result of these changes, it is necessary for the Commission to further revise the procedural schedule. However, the evidentiary hearing will still be held on June 18 and 19, 2001.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the procedural schedule in this case is amended as follows:

<u>Event</u>	<u>Date</u>
Public Counsel files surrebuttal testimony	May 30, 2001 4:00 p.m.
Issues list filed	June 5, 2001 4:00 p.m.
Parties file statements of position on issues	June 12, 2001 4:00 p.m.

2. That this order shall become effective on May 30, 2001.

BY THE COMMISSION



Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

(SEAL)

Vicky Ruth, Regulatory Law Judge,
by delegation of authority pursuant
to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

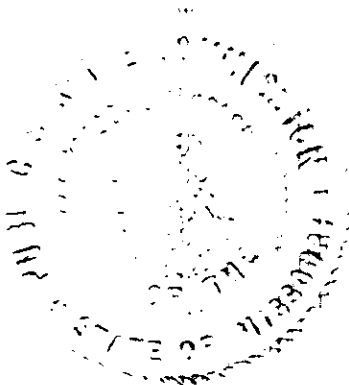
Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 24th day of May, 2001.

STATE OF MISSOURI

OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

I have compared the preceding copy with the original on file in this office and
I do hereby certify the same to be a true copy therefrom and the whole thereof.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the Public Service Commission, at Jefferson City,
Missouri, this 24th day of May 2001.



Dale Hardy Roberts

Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge